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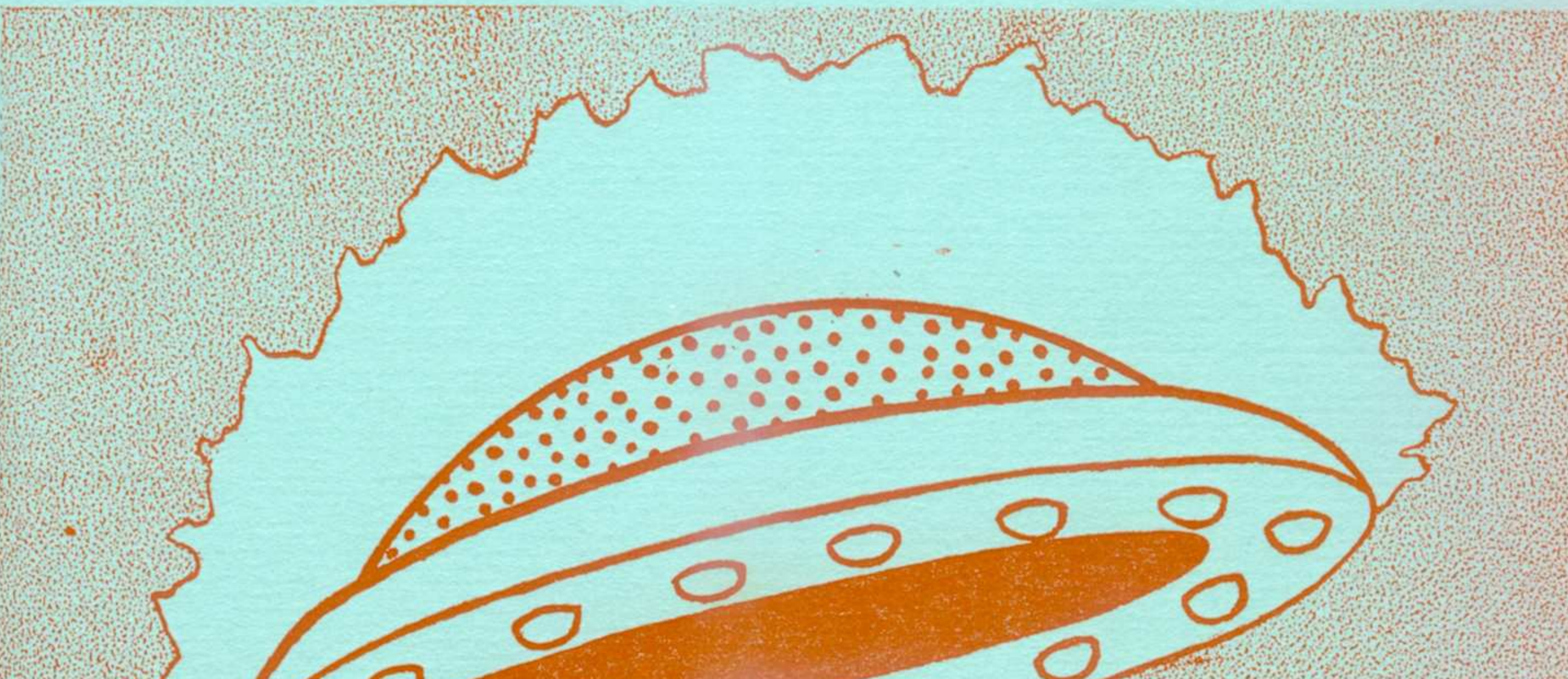

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Beliefs

BY the time this issue goes to press, we may well know whether or not the rash of UFO incidents which so occupied our attention during July and August this year was the dawn of a new wave.

There was insufficient space in this REVIEW to enable us to cope with the flurry of reports which continued to describe everything from elongated, cigar-shaped or pencil-like objects, to smaller devices shaped like eggs, inverted tops, beehives, or the more familiar discs. There was also a fair share of incidents where electro-magnetic effects were felt, and there were a number of landings reported. Now, as this issue is prepared, the hectic rush appears to have eased, if only for the time being.

We know that multiple appearances of the cigar-like objects—'mother-ships' to some—usually herald vast activity by smaller objects, but equally it could represent the closing stages of a wave prior to the evacuation of the main body of the visiting objects. If the latter is the case, then the recent flurry could have been a 'flap finale'. With a precautionary glance at the South American scene, where the UFO activity seldom seems to slacken, we trust that for a short while at least, events will not prove this assessment to be just another case of 'famous last words'. After all, even editors and Ufologists require breathing space from time to time.

Now that we can take some stock of the situation, we would like to record that one of the most heartening features of the wave, which commenced in April, 1964, has been the reaction of a broad section of the public. It seems that many people have noticed that UFO reports have forced their way back into the open: that they have been aired in the national press—as distinct from the local press, where they have usually been presented—as well as on television and radio, and this despite the plethora of official denials, fun-poking and general press silence of recent years. Grins of smug disbelief and exclamations of open scepticism are fewer and farther between: people want to know more about this intriguing mystery.

However, while scepticism begins to ebb, we must guard against a seldom-considered danger, and that is—belief. There is nothing more likely to harm the cause of serious study of the UFO problem than unthinking 'belief'. How often we hear the question: "Do *you* believe in flying saucers?" And the equally silly reply: "Yes, I believe in them!" Here, if ever there was, is a weapon forged for the sceptic: a weapon calculated to do more harm to our attempts to enlist the co-operation of scientists than the outpourings of a hundred Drs. Menzel. Fervent, but mistaken, 'belief' of this nature betrays an absence of careful thinking, a lack of objectivity, and a tendency on the

part of the 'believer' to treat the subject as a form of substitute religion, and, in so doing, to dabble beyond the lunatic fringe.

Our beliefs are very different. In the opening paragraphs, mention was made of the hundreds of reports which we have received in recent months. Over the years, these reports have amassed in their thousands. A large number of them are readily explained in conventional terms, but many are not easily understood, while the remainder defy explanation, unless they are fitted into the UFO pattern. These 'inexplicable' cases, we suggest, far exceed the 7 per cent which is officially admitted, for we know that a large number of the remaining 93 per cent are officially 'explained' without adequate examination of the evidence. All in all, we are certain that many grains of truth lie hidden in the mass of chaff.

Consequently, it is felt that it is time for us to reiterate our creed.

We believe that 'flying saucers' (for want of a better term) *do* exist, for the evidence of sight, radar and sound (when the objects are struck) indicates that they are metallic.

We believe that they are powered by devices more ingenious than those so far known to man: to support this there is adequate evidence of their effect on the electrical systems of internal combustion engines, and so on.

We believe it possible that these objects could be either of extraterrestrial origin, or that they could be coming to us from another time space continuum (there is evidence of materialisation and dematerialisation to support speculation in this direction), or that they could come from both.

We believe that they are intelligently controlled, and to support this contention there is the great mass of evidence of strange entities in landing and contact cases.

We believe that great care will be needed on the part of human beings, even in chance encounters with these objects, for in recent months there has been an increasing number of reports of people experiencing unusual physical effects, or even suffering physical harm as a result of near contact or the close passage overhead of flying saucers. Furthermore, we should not ignore the possibility of radioactive contamination when these devices come too close.

We believe that the public should learn that there are many people who treat this 'phenomenon' with the utmost seriousness, and that the public should also be made aware of the hazards to be expected, for there are many cases on record of humans suffering not only physical effects, but also great mental stress in the presence of these objects.

We believe it possible that some of the contactee claims, complete with 'messages', may have more than an element of truth in them, albeit in a manner that neither the contactees nor sceptical ufologists expect. Hoaxing, we fear, is not the prerequisite of earth men.

All in all, we believe there is a very real case to examine, and that this examination calls for completely open minds. *Every* aspect of the mystery must be studied. The grains of truth may well be found in most unexpected places. As the late Waveney Girvan was wont to say: "We still have little or no idea what the saucers are, where they come from, or why. Let's find out."

Hear, Hear . . . !

From the "Focus on science-technology" column of the August 16th issue of *Christian Science Monitor:*

" 'Flying Saucers' sighted early this month over Texas may give scientists something to think about for a long time. They were among many reported sightings around the world lately. But they give the clearest evidence of all that something strange was actually in the sky.

"Many Texans definitely saw something that even experienced investigators now admit defies explanation. The Texas saucer appeared as a bright light in the sky with lesser lights clustered around it. It was visible to some for several hours. It was photographed. Careful study of the negatives now show something was there.

"Star trails show up sharply. This means the camera was in sharp focus and did not vibrate. There was no temperature inversion strong enough to produce such an effect. It wasn't a scientific balloon, since none had been launched.

"It makes the clearest case yet for a thorough look at the saucer mystery."

The Langenhoe Incident

By Dr. Bernard E. Finch

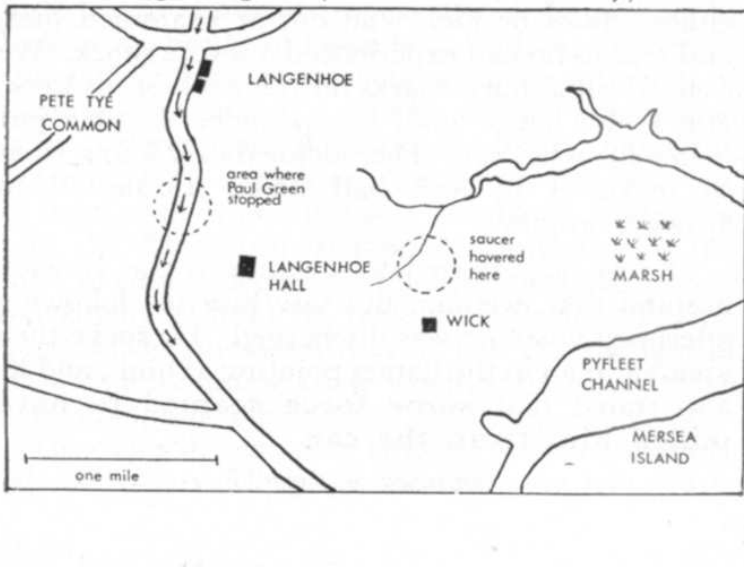
ON September 14, a very interesting sighting occurred near Mersea island, Essex. The incident took place at 1 a.m., and was witnessed by an intelligent engineer by the name of Paul Green, age 29. He was considerably shaken by his experience but had the sense to record the whole of his encounter.

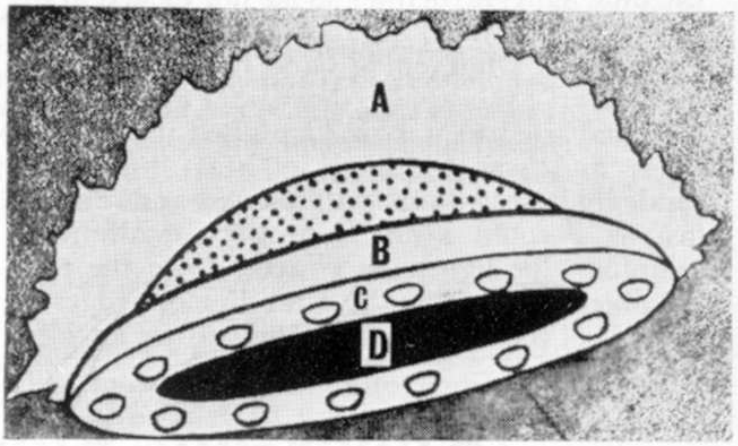
Two weeks later I interviewed, and cross-examined him, in the presence of two others. Without doubt his story is true, and in addition he described various subjective symptoms which can only be ascribed to the effects of a very powerful magnetic field on the human body. Apparently the field is so great that it produces a kind of light as yet unknown to our science.

The following is a verbatim report of Paul Green's experience.

"It was about 1 a.m. Sunday, September 14, that I first saw the 'thing'. It was a bright clear night, the moon was up and I could see the stars twinkling overhead. I was returning to my home in West Mersea, having visited my fiancée in Colchester. I had had nothing to drink and was feeling very fit. I was travelling on a motor bike and averaging 40 miles per hour. Just before reaching Pete Tye common a few yards south of Langenhoe, I overtook a motor scooter. My 'bike was purring along, the engine sounding a healthy note.

"As I approached the straight road south to Langenhoe Hall I heard a high-pitched humming over to my left (the east). This noise became louder and I looked up for sign of an approaching aircraft. I could see none but noticed a small pinpoint of blue light to the east over Brightlingsea (about 5 miles away). The





Artist's impression based on Paul Green's sketch.

A Blue flashing light
B Rim of Disc
C. "Ball race" lights
D. Smoking aperture

light was winking and became rapidly larger, and I then realised that it was coming in my direction from over Langenhoe marsh. The humming then became very much louder and changed to a high-pitched buzz. It dawned on me that the light and the sound were connected. The engine of my 'bike then began to cough and splutter, it missed several times and then stopped dead and the lights went out. The blue flashing light was now about a mile away to the east. I could make out some sort of an outline and an enormous object spun into view, looming up large and uncanny out of the sky. It resembled the upper half of a large spinning top and was about the size of a gasometer. There appeared to be a dome on top, inside of which was flashing a strange blue light. The object slowly descended, tilting as it did so, and I was able to catch a glimpse of its under-belly. This was rimmed by numerous round objects, the whole resembling a 'ball-race'.

"I had dismounted and approached a few paces towards the object. I felt spellbound and was not able to move or speak, just as if I had become paralysed. The flashing blue light became so intense that it was painful, and it appeared to fluctuate in rhythm with my heart beat and hit against my chest. I felt myself tingling all over rather like the electric shock one gets when handling an electrified cattle fence for too long. The buzzing then became quieter, and

the object descended in the area of Wick where there are several farm houses.

"Suddenly, the scooter that I had overtaken on the road, approached, its engine coughed and stopped, and the rider, a young lad in a leather jacket, dismounted and stood petrified staring at the blue light; he neither spoke nor looked in my direction. My head began to throb, and I felt as if there was a tightening band round it. With a great effort I was able to move, and I grasped my bike and tried to start it. I pushed it along the road, and was gratified to hear the engine suddenly burst into life. I mounted and raced as fast as I could away from the dreadful and 'painful' blue light. As I raced down the road the object was hidden by a tall line of hedges on the side of the road, but I could still see for some time a blue glow in the sky.

"I arrived home at nearly 2 a.m., and woke my invalid mother (a thing I had never done before), but so frightened was I by my experience that I had to tell someone about it.

"The following day I noticed that my hair and clothes were crackling in an unusual manner, and appeared to be charged with electricity.

"A few days later I was discussing my experience with a friend who lives at Shrub End, which is 5 miles N.W. of Wick. He told me that at about the same time his dog commenced to bark, and as he opened the door to put it out, a large blue light passed by rapidly in the sky directly overhead. It passed towards the North West."

Knock-out Blow at Felixstowe

UNDER the headline FELIXSTOWE GLOWING OBJECT MYSTERY, the Ipswich *Evening Star* of September 21 carried a front-page account of the alarming experience of Michael Johnson (22) on the evening of September 20.

"There was a high-pitched humming noise . . . the great orange-tinted object moved across the sky . . . a man staggered from the hedge and collapsed."

So ran the opening paragraph. This was seemingly a new or rare kind of UFO encounter. As Felixstowe is only 20 or so miles from Colchester, near where Paul Green (see previous article) found himself immobilised by the effects of a mystery aerial object at a range of about one mile, we again asked Dr. Bernard Finch to investigate the case. Dr. Finch is bound by his professional code not to divulge any information he gains from hospitals, but he has been in touch with Geoffrey Maskey, the 25-year-old driver of the car in which three young people had been out for the evening. Mr. Maskey's account is slightly more significant than that published in the *Evening Star*. Says Mr. Maskey:

"At approximately 10.30 p.m., I was parked in Walton Avenue, Felixstowe, with two friends, Mavis Forsyth and Michael Johnson. We were talking together when suddenly Michael made a hasty exit from the car. I thought this most peculiar, as he didn't say where he was going.

"Several minutes passed while we were waiting for him, and then suddenly we heard a weird high-pitched humming noise, almost like something from a science fiction film. Mavis was terrified by the sound. I myself wondered where it was coming from, and I looked out of the car window to see an orange-coloured object above the trees, approximately 100 ft. above us. It was oval in shape, apparently 6 ft. long, and emitting an orange glow. It is difficult to describe it as the lane was lit up by its glow. As the object disappeared behind the trees, the alarming noise was once more heard.

"By this time we were wondering what had happened to Mike. I called to him, but he didn't answer, so I reversed the car down the lane and called his name again.

"Suddenly he emerged from the hedge clutching his neck and eyes, stumbling away from the car. I thought he was having a game with us, but when he collapsed in the road, and I went over to him, I found he was unconscious. Mavis and I took him to Felixstowe Hospital.

"At the hospital he came round and, in a confused state, mumbled about the noise and the light 'getting' him. He didn't seem to recognise either Mavis or me. The doctor examined him, and told us he had experienced a severe shock. We noticed some burn marks on the back of his neck, and I also felt a small bump under the skin just below his right ear. The doctor didn't know what to make of it, and had Mike transferred to Ipswich hospital.

"I was not allowed to see him at the Ipswich hospital that evening, but saw him the following afternoon when he was discharged. He spoke then about a 'man in the flames pointing at him', and he also stated that **some force seemed to have pulled him from the car.**

(*continued on page* 27)

THE SIGNIFICANT REPORT FROM FRANCE

G. E. P. A. Investigation

In the September/October issue of the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* we gave a bare newspaper account of this classic case from the Basses Alpes district of France: a few comments of our own are added for good measure. Meanwhile a Monsieur G. C. (a magistrate who desires at present to remain anonymous) has conducted an investigation on behalf of the Groupement d'Etude des Phénoménes Aériens et Objets Spatiaux Insolites (G.E.P.A.). We have taken the advice of our friend Aimé Michel that we reprint the basic G.C. account from the G.E.P.A. bulletin PHENOMENES SPATIAUX, **September 1965 issue: an article by M. Michel, based on his own investigation, follows this account.**

M. MASSE was in his lavender field, a little north of Valensole, and near the road to Oraison, at about 5.30 a.m. on July 1, 1965, as is his customary practice. He had not yet started up his tractor, which had been left parked behind a mound of rubble about 2 metres high. He was just about to do so, and was lighting a cigarette, when he heard a whistling noise, the source of which he could not locate. He then stepped out from behind the mound which had been concealing him and saw, at a distance of about 80 metres from him, a peculiarly shaped machine which had landed in his field. His first thought was of a helicopter, but he realised that this could not be one. He was too familiar with these Army craft which, whether or not in difficulties, frequently land in his field or near by. He never fails each time to go over and chat with the pilots who are very frequently keen hunters like himself. But what could this be, this machine resembling a big rugby ball, the size of a Dauphine car, with a cupola on top, and standing on six legs? Perhaps an experimental machine, he thought. He goes on walking calmly towards it all the same, empty-handed, across the young lavender plants with which his field is covered. And he perceives, right beside the machine, two little beings of human appearance, bending over to look at a "head" of lavender. Without overmuch concern he goes up to them with the intention of contacting them. And thus he reaches a point five or six metres from the strange visitors, but these perceive him, straighten themselves up, and one of them at once points a sort of tube or "pistol" at him. M. Masse is thereupon instantly glued to the spot, to such a degree that he cannot make *a single* movement. Could he have called out? To my question, he answered that he had not thought of it, and he does not know whether he would have been able to or not.

He can still see what is going on around him. He has plenty of time to examine the two "little men", with their bodies the size of an eight-year-old child, and their **enormous heads, three times the size of a normal human head.** He notices the **absence of any hair;** the skin, apparently as smooth as a baby's and white—at any rate the skin of the face and head—for the rest of the body is covered by an overall.

As for the face, its dimensions and characteristics are approximately those of a human face, **except however for the mouth, which has no lips and resembles a hole. The two little beings were communicating with each other by means of inarticulate sounds which did not seem to come from what for them took the place of a mouth.**

They were looking at him, and must have been mocking him. But their glances were not unpleasant, indeed quite the contrary. The general effect of their stature did not, as M. Masse states explicitly, give him the impression that he was face to face with monsters. After a few moments, the two visitors returned with a surprising agility to their machine, which they entered by means of a sliding door.

And then came the take-off, in a westerly direction, at an angle of approximately 45 degrees, at an astonishing speed, the machine emitting a whistle similar to the one when it arrived, and leaving no trail behind it.

M. Masse thought then that he was going to be in full possession of his faculties again, but it was not so, and he remained totally paralysed for a further quarter of an hour. The use of his limbs then came back to him bit by bit.

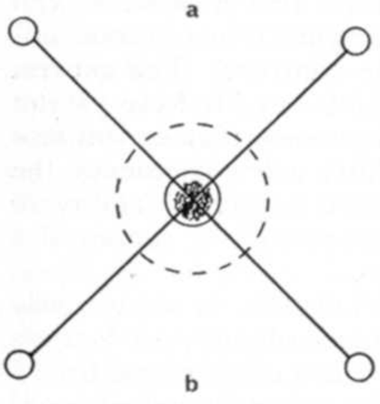
After being delivered from his invisible chains—the relatives of M. Masse are explicit on this point—he does not resume work in his field. He returns to the village, and goes to see his friend, the proprietor of the Café des Sports. He tells him about the machine that landed in his field, the marks it left, its staggering take-off, but scarcely says a word

about anything else. Questioning him, the Café proprietor can see that he is upset and does not for a second doubt that the matter is serious. M. Masse apparently added that that wasn't all, but that he did not want to say any more, that nobody would believe him. . . . His friend advises him to go straight away and inform the gendarmes, but M. Masse, who has never been in any sort of trouble, and doesn't want to have any, replies that everything he has said is untrue and that it was just a joke. The café proprietor then rushes off to the field, and finds the marks, and this is how the story gets out . . .

It is at this point or shortly afterwards that the mad rush of journalists and reporters from the radio and television networks takes place. . . .

M. Masse confines himself to his first statements, even among his near relatives, and retires within himself and becomes taciturn, as though his mind is far away. Whereas he used to sleep entirely normally before, he is now seized by an overpowering drowsiness; he needs 12 to 14 hours of sleep daily during the days immediately after the occurrence.

I have omitted to state that, on the evening of July 1, he went to the spot with his 18-year-old daughter. He saw once more the famous marks, of which you have the sketch. But M. Masse explains that two of the six legs left no marks on the ground, namely the legs at (a) and (b):



That morning, after the machine had teken off, a sort of liquid mud had remained around the central hole; when he goes there in the evening with his daughter—whom he forbids to go too close to it—he finds that this mud has set like cement. He himself compares the hole to a sort of funnel in reverse, there being a sump-shaped hollow at the bottom, at a depth of somewhere in the neighbourhood of 60 to 80 cms.

M. Masse feared that if his daughter went too close to the hole she might suffer some harmful influence, and, although I cannot assert this with certitude, it seemed to us that he harboured some apprehension regarding the good health and the physical conformation of the children that he might beget subsequently.

M. Masse and his wife tried to escape from the newspapermen "whose insinuations had disgusted them", and they went off to Giens but it was there that the reporter of Europe–No. 1 caught up with M. Masse again!

I think that it was on his return from Giens that, unable to stand it any longer, M. Masse started sobbing one evening, so his wife tells us, and then, as she puts it, he "let himself go" and gave the whole story of what had happened."

(About the landing site) M. Masse tells me that he himself had filled in the hole but that, strangely enough, the soil at the spot continues to sink slightly despite the earth he has put there . . .

I have found no difference in colour between the plants adjacent to the site of the landing and the others. I have however taken some colour-photographs which I will send you as soon as I have got them back. Various individuals whom I have questioned on the subject say they noticed nothing. . . . More interesting, in my opinion, is this: M. Masse had pointed out to me that some heads of lavender, wilted, he said, by the passage of the saucer when it took off, had "picked up since" and were, or at least certain ones were, finer and taller than the average of the others. There were still little faded stalks on these plants. . . .

(In an interview with Captain Valnet of the Investigation Brigade at Digne, Monsieur G. C. learned that M. Masse is considered) . . . an intelligent and well-balanced man who, far from giving the impression of a hoaxer, seemed rather to be very vexed with the whole business.

(Finally) Before I conclude the account of our talks with the Masse family I want to emphasize the impression of complete good faith left on us by these folk who have become very sensitive—especially, perhaps, Madame Masse—as a result of what has happened to them.

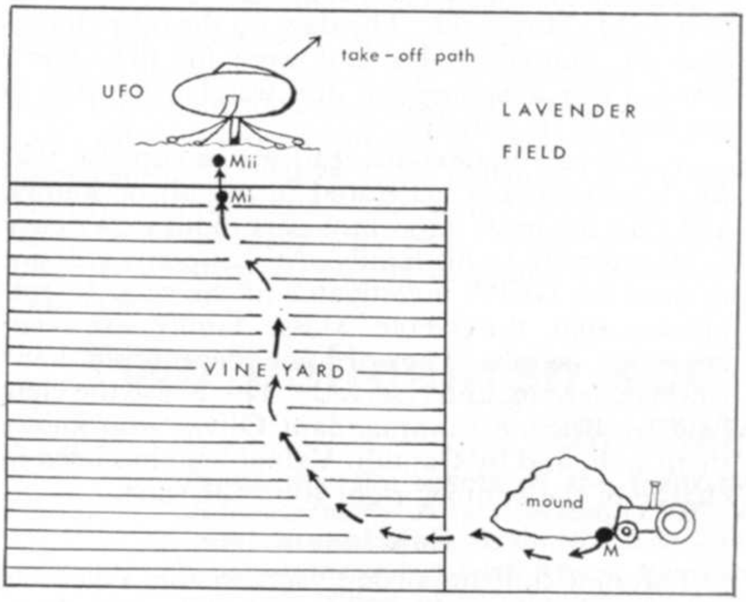
Happy Christmas

The Editor and Publishers of the *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW* wish their readers a very Happy Christmas and an exciting New Year. They would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the readers for their continued support.

The Valensole Affair

By Aime Michel

YOU have learned the essential details of the Valensole affair from the excellent text of G.C. who investigated the case on behalf of G.E.P.A. There are one or two small details which need correcting, such as the distance being 90 metres instead of 80, and the fact that M. Masse approached the machine across a vineyard, and not a field of lavender, like this—



Here now are a few additional points:
(*a*) the traces of the lavender are visible for a good hundred metres or so along the take-off trajectory, as far as a little shanty called *La Clermonnette*, towards Manosque, and even beyond. These traces are: a degeneration of the young shoots prior to July 1, which are going dry and falling off, and a singular vitality of the shoots after July 1.
(*b*) For about a week *before* July 1, M. Masse and his father, who were working daily in their field, noticed on their arrival each morning damage inflicted on the young lavender plants, as if somebody had taken some specimens every night. The plants had not been pulled up, but sprouts had been cut off, or rather broken off and removed from their plant. Thus the two farmers were already puzzled by something abnormal in their field—puzzled and annoyed. So, when, on coming round the mound, M. Masse saw the machine, his first thought was that he had "bagged" the people who were spoiling his lavender every night. So he approached cautiously through the vineyard, so as to take them by surprise. It was when he was near the edge of the vineyard, near Mi, that he saw the "small beings" and realised that he was about to see something out of the ordinary. He hesitated then for a few seconds, and then decided to approach closer, despite his fear. (M. Masse is a man of much courage, an old combatant in the Maquis during the last War.)

In view of all this, we ought to ask ourselves whether the whole Valensole business should not be studied in an altogether new state of mind in the field of Ufologica. research. In fact the whole thing occurred just as though the pilots of the machine had manoeuvred M. Masse psychologically, first of all by arousing his curiousity and his misgivings during the first days of June, before showing themselves to him on July 1. Such behaviour as this, which is not unique during the present wave, seems to suggest a "managed" psychological preparation. I have already located four zones in France where sightings occur in frequent succession. But a preparation for what? It is useless to set forth hypotheses here that will in any case be outstripped by the time these words are printed. But, as an old searcher in the realm of Ufology, I can however say this: this is the first occasion on which such a degree of familiarity with the phenomenon is attained. Even in 1954, we were reduced to waiting for sightings; in 1965 one has the indefinable sensation of the hunter who scents the game.

In numerous cases witnesses alerted by a first sighting, have been able to confirm it several times during the following days. At Valensole itself, two other sightings *in flight* and perhaps one other sighting *on the ground* took place in August and September. I say *perhaps*, because of the distance away of the witnesses, who were on a neighbouring mountain and were not able to get a detailed view of the luminous object that they observed for ten minutes, at about 3 o'clock in the morning, on the Valensole plateau. (I am investigating this case and cannot yet give you any more details.)
(*c*) One very important point in the Masse evidence is the following: at the moment when the object took off, it very rapidly developed a great speed and **completely vanished at twenty metres.**

Aimé Michel: How do you mean vanished? Do you mean that the speed became so great that you were no longer able to follow it with your eyes?

Maurice Masse: I can't see any other explanation. But my impression was different from that: at one moment I could see it very well; and the following instant I could no longer see anything.

A.M.: Do you mean to say that it disappeared **on**

the spot at a certain point on its trajectory?

M.M.: (with a gesture of helplessness): I don't know, Sir. I haven't understood anything at all about it. But such was indeed my impression.

(First remark on this question: there are numerous precedents for such disappearance on the spot; see for example the legend of the photo of Lake Chauvet, in my first book *Lueurs sur les Soucoupes Volantes*; these cases suggest a manipulation of Space-Time well beyond the most advanced present-day Physics, and perhaps explain the fact that the Minitrack optical networks have never photographed the approach of any UFO in circumterrestrial space. The UFOs would accordingly be capable of non-linear movements.

Second remark: Although the Valensole object ceased to be visible at 20 metres, it left traces over more than 100 metres of a trajectory that it was *apparently* no longer occupying. . . .)

(*d*) M. Masse felt nothing particular in himself during the first three days. It was on the fourth day that he suddenly collapsed, seized with an insuperable desire to sleep. He would have slept for 24 hours per day if his wife and his father, frightened, had not woken him up to make him eat. He would no longer talk, and remained sleepy. (Details confirmed by Gendarmerie commandant Oliva). No neuro-vegetative disturbance, deep sleep, with no memory of any dreams, and agreeable, giving an impression of naturalness and well-being. Slight psycho-motor impairment: a tendency to trembling in the hands (still observable on August 8). Before July 1, Masse used to sleep for 4 to 5 hours at night. After that date, for from 12 to 15.

Since July 1 his watch has been *slow*. It causes a deviation of 3 degrees on the compass, which is normal for a steel watch. But was the watch magnetised to that degree *before?*

(*e*) People have been wrong in calling the immobilisation caused by the little pilot's weapon "paralysis". If Masse's muscles had been paralysed, he would have died there and then from stoppage of the heart, which is a muscle, or from anoxia.

If we are to assume that the weapon could have had a selective effect only upon the nerves of his limbs, then M. Masse would not have been able to stand up. In fact we know in Neurology only one phenomenon that answers M. Masse's description. And that is — post-hypnotic suggestion. The weapon consequently has a selective effect on the central nervous system, the cephalic system. It is very interesting to note that the *reticular formation*, which is responsible for the waking and sleeping states, plays a multiple role, being at one and the same time both *activatory* and *inhibitory*, both *upward* (towards the cortex) and *downward* (towards the periphery). There is thus a remarkable coherence between the two effects successively experienced by M. Masse. The weapon could probably act at the level of the *recticular formation.* This should be compared with the statements made by Paul Green (head pain) in the recent Colchester case.

(*f*) A case identical with the Valensole one had already happened near Manosque, not far from Valensole, on October 14, 1954. No publicity was given to it. The witness told his story to only four people, of whom I was one. It was a man who was out hunting, with his dog. When he saw the object, he ran away, without trying to get near to it as M. Masse did. The dog, on the other hand, had the hunter's reflex and went for the object. *The dog was semi-paralysed*, and was hardly able to get back to its master.

(*g*) Certain indications lead me to suppose that M. Masse has not yet dared to tell all he knows, and that the most important part of his experience is known only to his family. At this point I desire as does the GEPA investigator in the case, to emphasise that the whole Masse family are very charming people. They are fine, decent folk, hard workers, serious, and reserved. This is also the view held by Brigade Commandant Oliva, who knows them well, and by Captain Valnet who has been in charge of the enquiry right from the start.

Conclusion

The new and important facts in the Valensole affair are numerous. Up to now, it had been possible for us to think that the "little men" were the ones responsible for all the ufological manifestations, that they were the pilots of the craft, their builders, originating from another world.

Now, M. Masse has seen them, *with the heads an hands bare*, with a body that, except for the skull and the face, is typically human (and not merely humanoid). The bare head and hands suggest an adaptation to the exact terrestrial atmospheric composition and terrestrial atmospheric pressure. The absolutely human form of the body and the facial expressions, *recognizable by a man*, suggest a human genetic code. Moreover, the description of the skull and the face corresponds very exactly to an extrapolation, into the future, of the past evolution of Man: increased cephalization, vegetative part of the face in regression (see, for example, the anthropological studies of the Boskop prehistoric African man).

All these details could give a new lease of life to the Wellsian hypothesis of men from the Future visiting their Past. More likely (if I may use this word here) one can suppose that the "little men" are a product of a system of breeding based on

ordinary Earth men selected from the human species just like lavender plants in a field; this bred product has perhaps been scientifically super-humanized in order to play a part in the history of our relations with the entities—unknown and invisible—who are the real ones responsible for the ufological manifestations. The numerous descriptions of "little men" collected over the past fifteen years strongly remind one of our own domestic breeding of animals, though this idea is repugnant to our dignity and to the respect that we have for the human person (without however extending that respect to the animals).

The "little men" put one in mind of human basset-hounds, selected in view of their utilisation within the framework of a superior technology.

There would be much that we could say about these little men, but one detail strikes me particularly: all who have approached them—so far as I know—and M. Masse has affirmed it to me forcibly, several times—believe invincibly in their benevolence towards ourselves: "They are good. They have only good intentions towards us, of that I am sure."

"But how do you know that?" I asked.

"I can't tell you. I don't know how I know. But I am sure of it."

Is this a psychological conditioning connected with the effect of the weapon? Or, more simply, is it the truth? On this too there would be much that one could say.

Comment on Valensole

IS it possible that the whole truth of the incident at Valensole still eludes us? That it was in fact another A.V.B. ("Adhemar") type of contact case? At least that is what Gordon Creighton wondered as he was completing his translation.

Speculative, maybe, but when one considers M. Masse's embarrassed reluctance to tell the full story, not to mention his fear of possible genetic effects, and the strange revelation that he eventually broke down and told his family *everything*, it seems that such a solution of the mystery is 'on the cards'.

As soon as space permits, we will retell the Antonio Villas Boás (Adhemar) story of "interplanetary procreation", for many additional details have come to light in the *O Cruzeiro* account.

Two policemen see saucer on main road

By Philipp Human

Practically the whole of the front page of the September 16 issue of the Johannesburg daily newspaper DIE VADERLAND **was devoted to accounts, reports, and comment on this new UFO case. Mr. Human, who is the *REVIEW's* representative in South Africa, has sent us his translation from the Afrikaans, and has 'filled us in' on further details.**

UNDER the page-wide headline **Polisie Sien Vlieg-Piering,** *Die Vaderland* told the following story: "A strange object, described as a 'flying saucer' was seen last night on the national road between Silverton (near Pretoria) and Bronkhorstspruit by two constables. The police consider this episode as 'highly mysterious' and it is being investigated by them as well as by the C.S.I.R. [Council for Scientific and Industrial Research].

"This occurrence was witnessed by two Silverton policemen, Constable Koos de Klerk and Constable John Lockem, while they were out on patrol. According to the constables the saucer ascended and vanished from sight at enormous speed when they came across it.

"This morning the C.S.I.R. was requested by the police to investigate the nature of a charred patch in the road, and scientists were at the scene shortly afterwards to take samples of the charred tar and stone where the saucer had landed. A black patch roughly six feet in diameter was burnt into the tar.

"The two constables said that they had been to a farm last night on an investigation when a call from their office summoned them back. 'About three miles from Silverton we all of a sudden saw a sea of flame in the centre of the tar road ahead of us. We stopped immediately, and for about ten seconds the object was clearly visible before it rose from the road as tongues of flames seemed to pour from underneath,' said Constable Lockem. There was no sound. He was emphatic that the object had not been there when they had passed the spot the first time. There was a lapse of about five minutes before they were at that place again.

"Constable de Klerk said that the object was typically saucer-shaped. It was copper-coloured and shone, and was clearly visible in their headlamps and in the light of the flames surrounding it. The object closely resembled a gigantic singing top. It was about 30 ft. in diameter.

" 'For a few seconds it stood on the road and then, faster than I had ever seen in my life, it shot straight up and vanished in a north-westerly direction. Only after the saucer-shaped object was in the air did it appear that flames were pouring from two portals underneath it,' said Constable Lockem. There was no sound. This prompted a

spokesman for the C.S.I.R. to comment that it therefore could not have been propelled by conventional motors.

"Long after the object had vanished the tar on the road was still burning. The flames leapt to a height of three feet. Constable Lockem made a sketch of the object as seen by him which strongly resembled a child's toy top and a form which was commonly associated with flying saucers. 'I have always considered reports of flying saucers as stuff and nonsense, but after this I shall be the first to acknowledge that these things are real,' he said.

"He and his colleague added that they were so stupified and shaken that they could only stare at the object. They saw no sign of life, however, nor did they see any portholes.

"This morning, early, they were at the scene once again and could not find any strange marks to indicate that something unusual had operated at that spot. No strange impressions were noticed other than the charred patch in the road. This was to be expected as the flames had melted the tar to such an extent that any other marks would have been obliterated. The flames and heat must have been tremendous because everything had been buckled. Both constables stated emphatically that they have not the slightest doubt that this object was 'out of this world'. 'It was more or less 30 ft. in diameter and of a copper-colour which was clearly visible in the light,' they said."

In another report, the Pretoria Representative, Andre Verster, tells how . . .

Tar burnt to the gravel base

"This morning I visited the section of the tar road where the flying saucer of Pretoria had purportedly landed. I must admit that the tar surface was badly scorched. A large black patch, some 6 ft. in diameter, was charred in the road where, according to the two eye witnesses who came across it in their police car, the object had stood astride the white line in the middle of the road. It obstructed the entire road, according to their report.

"In the patch where the flames coming from beneath this strange object had hit the tar road, **the tar surface had completely disintegrated. The white paint of the traffic line was completely charred, and the tar was so scorched that the gravel could be dislodged with two fingers.** An experienced road worker who had been with the Provincial Administration for many years in their roads department, said this morning that if petrol was poured over a road and set alight it could not cause such extensive damage. He was amazed to learn how badly the road had been charred.

"I was at the scene myself and without any trouble managed to dislodge small stones from the

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Outlined—the burnt tarmac patch

tar. I found this to be the case with most of the gravel in that patch. Scientists from the National Chemical Research Laboratory of the C.S.I.R. took samples of the scorched and charred section of the road for further analysis. The police had summoned their aid in an attempt to try to establish the cause of the burnt patch."

High Level Investigation

Another item stated that: "Lt. Col. J. B. Britz, district Commander of Pretoria North, in whose area the flying saucer had purportedly landed, stated at the time of going to press, that the police considered this occurrence as highly mysterious and that a secret investigation is being conducted from a high level."

Explanations

The above incident was widely reported in our national newspapers, but soon the "explanations" were forthcoming under the headlines like **C.S.I.R. says it was not a Flying Saucer** and **The Saucer story has fallen flat**, and **Cold water poured on Saucer' story.** The *Rand Daily Mail* (Johannesburg's daily morning newspaper) had this to say the next morning:—

"While hundreds of motorists caused traffic jams around a small burnt patch of tarmac on the Pretoria–Bronkhorstspruit road yesterday, scientists in Pretoria decided South Africa had not been visited by extra-terrestrial beings in a flaming spacecraft after all.

"Last night Mr. Douglas Maude, the C.S.I.R.'s public relations officer, said the scientists who investigated the reports had come to the conclusion the most likely explanation was that somebody had inadvertently or purposefully poured petrol or a similar liquid on the road surface. When this ignited it would have produced a fireball which shot skywards, leaving a pall of smoke and a circle of burning tar.

"Three members of the C.S.I.R., including Dr. E. G. Halliday, head of the air pollution division, inspected the road surface yesterday after two Silverton policemen reported they had seen a "flaming object" take off from the road while they were patrolling the area shortly after midnight. Yesterday only a patch of badly burnt tarmac showed that the road surface where the two policemen reported seeing the "flying saucer" had been subjected to great heat.

"Despite the commotion on the national road a few hundred yards from their homes, residents in the area were for the most part unruffled by reports that a flying saucer had landed in Silverton. None of the residents had seen or heard anything resembling a craft from outer space on Wednesday night.

"According to an official at the Department of Civil Aviation in Pretoria, nothing suspicious was reported from any of the radar stations controlling air traffic at the major airfields in the Johannesburg and Pretoria areas."

Vital Evidence

The two constables were understandably mad when they were made out to be liars. On Thursday night (September 17) they were interviewed on the radio at 9 p.m. and Constable Lockem said that the press had omitted to report a fact which they considered to be of tremendous importance, namely that **their car's engine had stalled** when they came across this object blocking their way. They had no option but to stop. It was then that the object suddenly rose from the ground. In a letter dated September 22, Mr. Peter Grobler of Pretoria, one of my correspondents, said: "The scientific people are out to ridicule the saucer story, but I can assure you that the Military people take it seriously.

"I know someone from that district who was present at the inspection and said that they poured a quantity of petrol out near the site and set it alight. The result was negative—**no** disintegration of the foundation at all, and **no** disturbance was visible.

"The two police officers swear that what they reported is the gospel truth and no amount of questioning can deviate them from their story."

East Rand Fly-Over

Now, by way of a postscript, a final item from *Die Vaderland* of September 16, reported by the East Rand Representative:

Two strange objects were seen over Boksburg last night [same night as the police constables' sighting]. A friend and I were travelling by car at about 10.15 p.m., when we observed an enormous white light travelling at a reasonable speed and which appeared from a north-westerly direction passing over Boksburg. The object was visible for five minutes at least before it disappeared over the southern horizon.

At about 12 o'clock last night several people phoned the East Rand offices of *Die Vaderland* after seeing a "red ball" in the sky. According to them the object travelled from south to north in the direction of Pretoria. They watched it through binoculars and could see it distinctly. It was not an aircraft.

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UFO's and the Fourth Dimension - Pt. 3

By Luis Schönherr

ACCORDING to hypotheses which I previously advanced in this periodical,[1] UFOs could be a sort of space craft travelling to our space along the fourth dimension. As to the laws governing such a movement one could conceive of three possibilities:

1. The kinetic laws valid within our three dimensions apply also to the fourth. In this case acceleration and deceleration only require the application of a propelling force, provided of course that there exists no retarding medium in the fourth dimension.
2. Presupposing the existence of such a medium, the constant application of the propulsive force would be necessary to maintain movement.
3. There exists a specific affinity or attractive force between the masses of one and the same, but not between the masses of different three-dimensional spaces, with a potential gradient (potential difference) parallel to the fourth dimension only. Such a force would not be detectable within one of the three dimensional spaces, but any craft leaving its space along the fourth dimension would have to overcome its pull.

   If this force extends far enough the craft would have to counteract it constantly by its own propelling force.

   That means that a UFO which stays within our space does so only by a constant (and energy consuming) application of this vector of its propelling force, which controls movement parallel to the fourth dimension. If this component breaks down (as a result of engine trouble, for example) the craft would be drawn back to the space from which it originated, i.e., a witness within our space would observe one of those enigmatic "disappearances".

It is this third assumption which provides a possible explanation for some peculiar characteristics of the UFO phenomenon.

Lack of Material Evidence

Despite numerous landings, and occurrences which look very much like accidents, no durable and unquestionable material fragments of UFOs have been found. It is difficult, when considering the general behaviour of UFOs, not to get the impression that their occupants are not in the least afraid of the possibility that sudden engine trouble could surrender their crafts and their secrets to us. But if in such an eventuality a UFO does disappear automatically from our space, it is understandable that the occupants are secure in the knowledge that they will not leave any material evidence, even in the worst of cases.[2]

Duration of Landings

The majority of landings are reported to be short. A possible explanation for this is the above assumption that a UFO continuously consumes energy, even when it does not move with regard to our three dimensions.

Behaviour of Entities

The entities seen in connection with UFOs nearly always stay in the vicinity of the craft. This would be particularly significant if the force which propels the UFO through the fourth dimension should actually be a force field, as I have assumed in my previous articles. As the force field extends beyond the craft itself, its occupants on the one hand would be able to leave it; on the other hand, however, they would carefully avoid going beyond the effective range of the force field for fear of dematerialisation, i.e., being drawn back into their space.

Maybe, however, the supposition that a force field propels a UFO through the fourth dimension is incorrect. In terms of modern physics, perhaps it would be more appropriate to say that a UFO produces a local four-dimensional deformation of its space, thereby extending itself into ours. The affinity or attractive force introduced in paragraph 3 would then be identical with the tendency of space to retain its original "natural" four-dimensional curvature.[3]

UFOs therefore are not necessarily means of transportation in the conventional sense of the word, but instead, they could be technical devices for the production of local spatial curvatures, which extend into the space to be contacted. Once this has been accomplished, beings from the other space could transcend into ours. This could explain those cases where entities have, as it is alleged, suddenly appeared near a UFO, apparently without having emerged through a door, hatch, etc.[4]

There is perhaps even a connection between this phenomenon and certain apparitions[5] and those who consider UFO reports to be nothing more than ghost stories may well be right, although not in the

sceptical sense, or the sense of ridicule in which this comparison is sometimes made.[6]

The Dissipation of Angel's Hair[7]

When considering all the available reports, it seems to me a reasonable assumption that the dissipating angel's hair may be produced by UFOs. In this section I am therefore concerned with this possibility, although I by no means rule out the possibility that it may be some peculiar industrial waste product.[8]

The most obvious explanation for the often reported "dissipation" is that it is due to evaporation or chemical decomposition. But is the obvious explanation necessarily the correct one?

If angel's hair originates from the UFO, its substance being a part of the matter of the space from which the UFO comes, one must expect that it would dematerialise once it has drifted beyond the effective radius of the field component acting parallel to the fourth dimension.

There is a simple and inexpensive experiment by which, on some future occasion, the true nature of this dissipation may be determined. A container may be filled with this substance, and then hermetically sealed and weighed. If dissipation takes place, the container should be weighed again. A decrease in its weight would then indicate that dematerialisation has occurred. (By dematerialisation no disintegration is meant, but a disappearance by a movement parallel to the fourth dimension.)

A measurement of the pressure within the container before and after the dissipation could provide an additional control, particularly where the specific weight of angel's hair is very low. (A decrease in pressure would indicate dematerialisation.) The measurements will of course be less critical if the difference between the two results is great. Therefore as much as possible of the container's volume should be filled with the substance. As the volume of fibrous substances often seems to be much greater than it actually is, it would be advisable to squeeze as much as possible of it into the container.

The container itself, however, should not be too big, because one cannot be sure of obtaining enough of the substance.

As an experiment like this cannot be reproduced at will in the laboratory, and as in case of a positive result it would immediately be questioned, it would be important to have the measurements witnessed by competent individuals.

If the weight remains constant and an increase in pressure is found after the dissipation, then angel's hair is very likely a chemical combination of molecules of our atmosphere created by the physical conditions in the vicinity of the UFO[9]—if it has been produced by a UFO at all.

The third possibility is that angel's hair consists of chemical elements from the UFO as well as of components of our atmosphere. In this case it seems reasonable to assume that the chemical binding forces between the atoms of different spaces would defer the dematerialisation of those atoms not belonging to our space. Therefore such a combination could well be stable within our space for a certain time. It is possible that the body heat conveyed to the substance when it is handled stimulates the dematerialisation process by reduction of the chemical binding forces. Many reports point decidedly to this third possibility.[10]

This present essay, as well as my previous ones on the possible four-dimensional nature of the UFO phenomenon, should be regarded as preliminary attempts to account for its most enigmatic characteristics.

They originate from the basic attitude that we should not ignore or prejudge any of the reported aspects of the phenomenon. The necessity for my hypotheses therefore depends largely on the authenticity of the reports.

Considering the conformity of reports from different sources, however, I think I was well justified to undertake such attempts, especially as the presumed impossibility of a reported occurrence may well result in the premature dismissal of important reports.

Notes

[1]*UFOs and the Fourth Dimension*, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March/April, 1963 and January/February, 1964.

[2]In 1957 an engineer and a contractor who were in their car near Faverges (Haute Savoie, France) saw a round object moving in a zig-zag course along the street. As they were forced to slow down, they watched it carefully. Suddenly the object, which they had first taken for an "Isetta" (an Italian midget car), disappeared in full view. One could think of a so-called inferior mirage, but the place and time (25 November, 2.30 p.m.), as well as the perfection and apparent solidity of the "image", render this hypothesis extremely improbable.

Was the oscillatory motion preceding the disappearance an indication of engine trouble?

(Source: "*Dauphine Libere*, Grenoble, 12 November, 1957/ "*Weltraumbote*" Zurich, January/February, 1958).

[3]According to the theory of relativity the general curvature of a space depends on the mass density within it. Space resists any alteration of this general curvature. Local mass concentrations, however, may produce local curvatures, i.e., gravitational fields, comparable to four-dimensional bulges or protrusions. As the German physicist Pascual Jordan has demonstrated, the development of such a protrusion may even reach a stage where it separates itself completely from the original space, after which the latter retains its general curvature. The mass concentration responsible for this occurrence exists now in a new space, which has no connection with the other. An observer in the original space would have observed a complete disappearance or dematerialisation.

I must point out that I am the very last to overlook the difficulties in applying a similar explanation to the UFO-phenomenon.

The mass concentrations demanded by the theory for the production of protrusions extending to a distant space would be immense. (If there really are different three-dimensional spaces embedded in a four-dimensional continuum, the mere fact of their stable and independent existence, as well as the apparent absence of any natural interference between them, would imply that the distance between this space is of an order of magnitude beyond that of the spatial protrusions corresponding to common gravitational fields.)

However, nobody can say whether mass concentrations are the only way to produce gravitational fields, or whether this could not also be accomplished by a technological process. Certainly I know that the majority of scientists think little of this idea (Professor Menzel spoke of it as the "G-field myth"). But for many long years people were equally firmly convinced that aerostatic (lighter-than-air) flight was the only possible method of flight. Ingenious calculations proved that aerodynamic (heavier-than-air) flight was impossible, although its possibility was being demonstrated all the time by every bird that flew.

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Argentina 1963-64

By Gordon Creighton

MY last general report on sightings in Argentina, published in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW for July/August, 1964, gave a résumé of the most important cases known for 1962.

I propose to give now a similar sketch in respect of 1963/64. It must be realised that the material which we have is now so voluminous, running to many hundreds of pages of press-clippings, that it is no longer possible to mention ordinary sightings of UFOs in the sky, or even to mention most of the many cases in which such people as bus drivers, truck drivers and other motorists have seen saucers hovering beside the road in the early hours of the morning. Such reports are now too banal. In general, therefore, I confine myself to landings, reports of markings on the ground, materials dropped by UFOs, formation flights of saucers, "cigars", and appearances of saucers with mother-craft. All routine sightings of single UFOs overhead must be left out, since it is totally impossible to deal with such an avalanche of material.

It must be borne in mind that we now have clear evidence that the South American Continent is of capital importance to the visitors. One might speculate at inordinate length as to why this is so. The land is rugged and the interior relatively inaccessible. The population is small. The continent is part of the "uncommitted world" as regards the current struggle for power between the two main camps, and in the event of another big war might well remain out of it all for a while.

Or again, if we speculate in terms of hypothetical axial tilts and geophysical disasters which impend, and which our visitors are watching, it might well be that they have their reasons for knowing that the high reaches of the Andes will be safe. In any case, it is useless to waste too much time in speculation, but because it now looks as though South America is of such capital importance, I propose to report every case which seems significant, and if, in order to miss no vital detail, I recapitulate a few cases already reported, I believe that readers would prefer it this way.

It will be seen that I have included in this Summary headed "ARGENTINA 1963–64" two or three reports from the neighbouring republics such as Peru and Uruguay, as I was anxious that they should have their place in the record. Most of the more spectacular reports from these other republics (and particularly from Brazil) have already been included in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, but the Argentine reports, being so much more numerous because we have our representative in Señor Oscar A. Galíndez in Córdoba, have been held over so that we could give this comprehensive picture covering that country.

We now have a representative of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW in Brazil as well (Mr. Nigel Rimes in São Paulo) and already a tremendous flow of clippings has started from there, so it does not look as though Señor Galíndez's fear that the "curtain of silence was coming down in Brazil" is really justifiable yet insofar as the general press of that country is concerned. But it is a fact that there are certain pointers, the most notable being that the full story of the Brazilian farmer Antônio Villas Bôas appeared in the *Spanish* edition of the Brazilian magazine *O Cruzeiro* (printed in Rio de Janeiro) while it did not appear in the *Brazilian* edition, which occupies a dominant position in the realm of Brazilian journalism.

When we come to give a summary in respect of South America for 1965 it will be seen that the UFO "flap" in that continent has been so vast that we shall no longer be able to show it within the framework of Argentina and Brazil alone, and a wider treatment will be necessary.

Bahía Blanca and Province of Entre Rios

While a formation of UFOs were seen flying over this town in January 1963, small fires broke out in a fallow field. At about the same date, a formation passed over Entre Rios, and observers recovered vitreous particles that had fallen from them. CODOVNI state, in their summary for 1963, that these particles were found to be an amalgam of silicon, boron, calcium, and magnesium, "just the same as has been found in similar circumstances in other parts of the world."

Córdoba—Tucumán

The Córdoba paper *La Gaceta* for January 3, 1963, reported that a DC-4 passenger aircraft of Argentina Airlines, bound for Salta from Buenos Aires, had been paced by a UFO during the stretch between Córdoba and Tucumán. The UFO projected a vivid white light on to the aircraft, as the result of which (apparently) one of the four engines was put out of action. The pilot managed to reach the Benjamin Matienzo Airport, and the UFO vanished just before he got there.

Photographs

La Gaceta of January 4 and 8, and *Histonium Review* of February 7, printed stories, with names,

of three people who had taken good photographs of UFOs, and enquiry is now being made whether we can obtain copies of these pictures for the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

Angel Hair

According to *La Gaceta* of January 17, flying saucers were seen recently over Puerto Garibaldi in the Province of Entre Rios, and "angel hair" was seen to fall from them. Subjected to careful analysis, the substance was found to consist of boron, silicon, calcium, and magnesium. "Angel hair" was also reported to have fallen at a place called El Nilo.

Tucumán

On January 31, 1963, on a patch of scrub-land at a ranch at Cañada de Alsogaray, near Tucumán, two scorched "rings" were found, each 35 cms. wide (width of the scorched band) with a diameter of about 3.3 metres each, and lying some 40 cms. apart, forming as it were a figure "8". Police and scientists made deep cuts, and found that not only the grass, but also its roots, had been burnt down to a depth of some 10 cms. below the surface, "as though dessicated at a temperature in excess of 2,000°, yet without combustion or flame". On the "rings" a white ash-like powder was found. The scientists concluded that something very heavy and very hot had landed there, something shaped—on its base—roughly like a figure "8". Hoax was ruled out, and the authorities admitted that the only possible explanation was the landing of some unknown craft. The marks were evidently some days old, but UFOs had been seen in the vicinity not long before. Thus far, I quote from the UFO Report for 1963 issued by the Argentine Committee in Buenos Aires for the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects (CODOVNI).

But in a letter dated 30th June, 1964, from a meteorologist named Señor Ricardo Perez de la Sierra of Buenos Aires, I have received a number of further details about the case, and the most interesting of all is that a gentleman named Juan Gerónimo Perea, overseer of the neighbouring "El Trezol" Ranch, has now come forward and said that he and his wife and children had seen an egg-shaped craft, which appeared "thrice the diameter of the Moon as it flew overhead", pass over one night and go down towards the ground in the precise area where the marks were subsequently found. The thing was travelling at a very slow speed, he said, and leaving a long trail. It was only very reluctantly that this witness had consented to tell what he had seen.

Alberti (Province of Buenos Aires)

According to the *Histonium Review* of February 7, 1963, a certain Señor Felix Carrizo and his wife were driving in their car to La Pampa when, at 6.30 p.m. of that same day, they perceived an extraordinary elongated object, intensely luminous, which was suspended at only a short distance from the ground. They stopped and got out to look at it, and Señor Carrizo took a photograph. The UFO then suddenly began to move, and vanished at fantastic speed. The photograph is reported by the paper to have turned out "astonishingly clear". I am trying to secure a copy of it.

Andes (Mendoza Area)

Between June 18 and 24, a large party of scientists, meteorologists and Argentine Army engineers were up on the Andes studying the Zodiacal Light. On several of the nights they saw great red lights which moved up and down and to and fro on the sheer rock faces of the Cordillera, in the vicinity of the famous gigantic statue of Christ the Redeemer, and near the Santa Elena Peak. Huddled in their mountain huts, the party also heard strange "metallic noises" outside, and there was much uneasy talk among the troops of flying saucers.

The whole area being uninhabited and all the climbing routes being blocked at the time by very heavy snowfalls, it was agreed by all concerned that "absolutely no explanation could be found". The report of this affair is also given by CODOVNI, who add that personnel of the Argentine and Chilean meteorological services who have to do duty on these lonely Andean heights confirm that they have frequently seen the mysterious moving lights.

Bernardo de Irigoyen (Province of Misiones)

La Razón (Buenos Aires) for June 9, 1965, carried a report from Rosario stating that General Raúl Fabián Pistarini, commandant of the National Argentine Gendarmerie in the North-East, recently gave a press conference at which one of the topics was, inevitably, the great UFO wave of the summer of 1965. In this connection, Commandant Zirone told the newspapermen of an interesting earlier sighting—in 1963. He said that at 6.50 p.m. on July 27, 1963, when he was commanding the Gendarmerie detachment at Bernardo de Irigoyen, he and the Chief of Police, Commandante José Chiachio, and the Deputy-Chief, Señor Linka, had seen seven oval luminous UFOs flying in a perfect "V" formation on a West–East course in the direction of Brazil. The objects, moving at great speed and altitude, gave off many-coloured flashes of light, and as they passed beneath the cloud cover they lit up the clouds with their varied colours. The authorities at Eldorado, 170 kilometres distant, later reported that the formation had passed over there. The paper quotes this as being one of the rare occasions on which a high officer of the Argentine National

Forces has spoken openly about the UFOs, and notes that what had impressed Commandant Zirone most of all was this extraordinary display of colours.

To conclude this part of the Argentina 1963/64 story, here is one of the most staggering cases of the period, one which has become a UFO "classic".

Monte Maíz (Province of Córdoba)

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW for January/February 1964 gave a brief outline of the case of the 47-year-old Argentine truck driver, Eugenio Douglas, who had an alarming encounter with gigantic UFO entities. Many more details of the affair have since come to hand, and in view of the importance of this case I am sure that readers will want to have everything relevant recorded here.

It was 3.30 a.m. on October 12, when Señor Douglas was taking a load of coal along the road between Monte Maíz and Isla Verde, bound for his home town of Venado Tuerto in the Province of Santa Fé. A violent rainstorm had just started, when, at a point about 3 km. beyond Monte Maíz, he was blinded by a powerful white light. At first he thought it might be some vehicle with full head-lights, but soon perceived that there was only one beam.

He now felt a burning and prickling sensation on the face, as though from "fiery needles". An intense heat accompanied the approaching beam of light, and it seemed that the insides of his eyeballs were burning. He collapsed, half fainting, over the wheel, and his lorry went into the ditch.

Climbing out a few moments later, dazed but otherwise unhurt, he perceived that the source of the blinding light was an oval or round object which barred the road. He could make no estimate of its size, but it seemed to be at least 30 ft. high. The pouring rain hampered his vision to some extent, but what now followed he saw very clearly indeed.

Suddenly another light, less blinding, appeared at the side of the object. It was a door opening, and from it there emerged three enormous beings in human form, whom he described as "robots". Their height was tremendous. He told the Police later: "Perhaps four or five metres, or even more. . . ."

Their clothing, of a nature and appearance which he was unable to describe, seemed to be "stuck to their bodies". On their heads were glowing helmets, from which emerged short antennae, "like those of a snail". (Douglas has no recollection of the faces of the creatures, but feels that they cannot have been too different from ours, for although he felt fear, he is emphatic that he felt no revulsion whatever.)

Seeing him there beside his truck, the entities shone a beam of red light at him. Or rather, as he described it, it was not so much *one* beam of red light as *many* red lights, of tremendous power, which seemed to irradiate his skin as they struck him. The beams were burning him, and in his confusion and terror he drew his revolver and fired three or four shots at them, then fled in panic back down the road to Monte Maíz, still feeling himself pursued by the burning red light.

When he had first felt the burning and prickling in his face and eyeballs while still in the truck, he had tried to shield himself with his poncho, and as he fled down the road he now tried to wrap his head as best he could in the blanket. Having gone some distance, he looked back, and saw that the creatures were going back into the machine. The machine then took off, and proceeded to make a series of dives at him on the road, and at each dive he again felt the burning and prickling in his body.

At the very moment while this was happening, a number of residents of Monte Maíz were taking part in a vigil beside the body of a Señor Ribas who had died that day. Suddenly they all noticed that both the lights in the rooms and candles in the funerary chamber were changing colour. At first they became a bright red, changing then to green, and finally, began to give off an asphyxiating gas which forced them to rush out of the house. Arriving on the street outside, they at once beheld the strange spectacle of truck-driver Eugenio Douglas running madly towards them, waving a revolver in the air and with his head muffled up. Out of breath and exhausted, he was uttering piercing cries for help.

The house where the wake was in progress was on the outskirts of Monte Maíz, and close by was the first cluster of street lamps, marking the beginning of the populated area, and the people who had just rushed out of the house saw a vivid red light in the sky and saw the same changes taking place in the street lamp, which turned red, then green, and began to give off the same un-breathable gas.

By now there were many people who were witnessing all this. For example, there was a family returning from a party. They too saw the changes in the street lamps, and a few minutes later they beheld the truck driver who, with his face covered with mud and holding his poncho, was running wildly round and round one of the lamp standards.

All these people, with the Ribas family, and a number of others who had participated in the wake, now accompanied Douglas to the Police Station, where he was at once interrogated and examined. The witnesses also told what they had observed with the street lamps and the candles, and the Police realised that this story was entirely true, because, at the very time in question, a number of residents of

Monte Maíz had telephoned the Electricity Plant to ask whether anything was wrong, and the Power men had replied that it looked as though one of the Plant's engines was about to break down.

A medical man was at once sent for. This was Dr. Francisco Guillermo Dabolos. He testified that he found the truck driver to be suffering from burns upon the face and hands, and described these burns as: "lesions produced by unknown causes". Douglas's blanket also showed signs of burning of the same type, and when his truck was inspected next day it was found that his wiring was burnt out. The doctor found Douglas perfectly sane.

A witness who later testified before the Police was the businessman Mateo Manocchio. He told them that at 3.30 a.m. he had been driving along the road in question, and had seen the changes in the street lamps and had seen Douglas rushing towards him, head muffled, and brandishing a revolver. This witness went on to say that he himself had felt an indescribable sensation, accompanied by a loss of memory which lasted for some hours. On recovering his memory he went to the Police and made his statement.

On the following day a number of local residents examined the spot where Douglas had met the entities. The heavy rain had erased most of the footprints, but they were able to make out some which were approximately 45–50 centimetres in length.

A twelve-page report on the Douglas case, together with the depositions of the numerous witnesses and the doctor's findings, was in due course forwarded by the Monte Maíz police station to the Administrative and Political Headquarters (Jefatura Política) of the Rural District of Unión, which is the nearest large town. Commenting on this, the newspaper *Córdoba* of November 19 observed that had statements been collected from every one of the people who had seen the strange changes in the lights and candles and had felt the asphyxiating gas, the report would have run to far more than twelve pages. The foregoing is taken partly from the Report for 1963 issued by CODOVNI (the Argentine Committee for the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, Buenos Aires) and partly from numerous clippings, and I feel that no apology need be made for giving the case in such great detail, since it includes points of much significance, not the least of which is the fact that a witness claims to have suffered from amnesia as a result of the episode.

So far as I know, no official report or explanation has ever been offered on this case, which remains shrouded in mystery. I have seen no further reference to it anywhere in the Argentine press since the end of 1963.

[*We have prepared a map to accompany this article: it will appear with Part II.*—EDITOR.]

More about UFOs and the Sea

By Antonio Ribera

WHEN, in my previous article on *UFOs and the Sea*, I wrote the words "the dossier on strange happenings in this area seems complete", I was quite wrong: as wrong as I should be if I were to say the same thing again. This dossier is still wide open, as are most of the intriguing problems posed by the UFOs. It was my own article in fact, which whetted my appetite to look further into the matter, and I followed a line of research which I invite anybody who has an interest in the question to follow.

First of all, I found several reports of strange happenings at sea in the REVIEW itself, of all places. In the *World Round-up* section of the March/April, 1964 issue, there are two interesting notices about "Mystery at sea" (page 22) and "UFO at sea" (page 23–4), the former from England and the latter from Portugal. Then, in the same section of the September/October issue of the same year, we read on page 24 of a "Mystery submarine" observed in Swedish waters. This strongly reminds the reader of the mystery submarine, such a big news item in the international press some time ago, which was detected off the Argentine coast and taken as a Russian U-boat. Then there was W. S. Robertson's article *UFOs and the Scottish Seas* in the May/June issue. A careful search through *all* the past issues of the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, of which, unfortunately, I do not possess a compete collection, would almost certainly unearth more reportsl of sightings at sea.

Cardiganshire Sightings

Then, in my friend Gavin Gibbons's book *The Coming of the Space Ships*[2], I found some very interesting marine sightings, which gave ample food for thought. . . . I quote from page 114 of the book: "We move to Wales for our last example but one of the erratic behaviour of this strange object—to the coast of Cardiganshire, to be precise. It was at 7.15 p.m. that Mrs. Harding, a farmer's wife of Aberarth, was called outside by her young daughter, who was pointing excitedly at the evening sky. She gazed out over the sea in the direction that Rosalyn, her daughter, indicated. There, to the north-west of where they stood, and well out to sea, was a large orange ball giving out a black trail and zig-zagging downwards. They

remarked that it looked very like the sun except for the movement and the long, black, smoky trail that streamed out behind. As they watched, it exploded and, still in the shape of an orange ball, plunged into the sea. The strange thing was that they could still see it glowing *beneath the surface of the water* [italics mine–Author], and this continued for upwards of an hour after the object finally struck. The trail that it had left behind changed from black to grey before it dispersed: neither of the two watchers had heard any sound from the ball, either in the air or in the sea.

Object off Merionethshire Coast

"It is due to the kindness of Mrs. Rhoda Harding that I managed to obtain the information I required concerning the last sighting of this 'meteor' series [strange meteor indeed!—Author]. She very kindly made a special journey to Roshlefain, a village near Towyn in Merionethshire, to interview for me the two witnesses concerned, and I should like to record my gratitude to her.

"Angelo and Salvatore Tornabene are, as may be assumed by their names, Italians and they work on the land in this pleasant corner of Wales. They are not very sure of the time, but think it was about 8 p.m. when they saw the bright orange object zigzagging down into the sea off Rhoslefain. (The date was March 24, 1955). They could not distinguish its shape or size, but confirm that it gave off a dark trail, like smoke, that became lighter in colour as it got lower. Suddenly the object stopped giving off smoke and substituted flame instead, before dropping straight into the sea. But it did not stay in the water for long. Almost at once *it shot up into the sky again*, this time leaving a grey trail behind it. It then shot northwards at great speed, leaving no trace in the water. . . . Of course this sighting may have been identical with that (at Aberarth) of Mrs. Harding."

Gavin Gibbons quotes another witness of the events of this remarkable day. He is a Mr. Hughes of Montford, near Shrewsbury (see page 112), "a countryman possessed of a retentive memory and a remarkable accuracy of explanation." We read that: "He was on his way . . . to his club at Shrawardine . . . when suddenly their attention (a lad was with him at the time) was drawn by a brilliant light in the sky, yellowy-white in colour, which was approaching from the direction of Shrewsbury. As it came nearer they were amazed to see a sort of disc of many different colours form around a central ball of light. This disc began to rotate at great speed round the golden centre piece, while the whole mass of the object continued to flash across the heavens. . . . It had made no sound at all and left a white trail which lasted about twenty minutes after it had disappeared."

I have quoted this sighting at some length, because it is unmistakably a "saucer-type" sighting, and its connection with the marine sightings quoted above must be emphasized. As Mr. Gibbons writes (page 121): "No meteor has ever been observed to plunge into the sea and shoot out of it again to fly off out of sight. Then again, these objects repeatedly changed course and direction, a thing that is quite impossible for any meteor."

Elsewhere in his text Mr. Gibbons referred to a fourth craft, which appeared on the scene half-an-hour later. Quite slow by comparison, it moved westwards, rather to the south of the others, to appear as an orange ball, before dropping into Cardigan Bay some 30 miles north of Fishguard, in a mass of dark smoke and flames. Like the object in the first report, *it glowed under the water;* it did not rise again.

Gavin Gibbons believes that there were four objects over that part of Great Britain (Staffordshire, Shropshire and North Wales) on the night in question, in addition to others reported from places as far apart as Cornwall, Newcastle and Glasgow. The first of these was a cigar-shaped object (mother-ship?) travelling north-east. I speculate that on this particular night a big reconnaissance operation took place, maybe of submarine bases off the coast of Scotland.

Notes

[1]"UFOs and the Sea", in FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, November/December, 1964.

[2]Gavin Gibbons, "The Coming of the Space Ships", Neville Spearman, London, Second Impression, January, 1958.

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The production of gravitational fields by mass concentrations may be comparable to a static method. Now it is a well known fact that the gravitational forces are infinitely weak if compared for example with the elcctrostatic attraction. Could this not be an indication that mass concentrations are only a very inefficient method of producing G-fields, and that an energetic, dynamical process would be far more efficient?

[4]See: *Whidby Island Contact*, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, November/December, 1964 (p. 13) and, *Down on the Farm*, in the issue of September/October, 1964 (p. 22).

[5]Compare the apparition at Verona, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, March/April 1964, (p. 5).

[6]Richard Hall refers to such a case in his book (Maney and Hall: *The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects*, p. 126–127). I doubt, however, whether full justice is done to this problem if one sees the parallels between ghosts and UFOs only in the reaction of people to the reports. Sometimes one gets the impression that the "occult" aspects of the UFO-phenomenon are unconsciously ignored for fear that any research in this field would relegate the researcher to the lunatic fringe. (This, of course, should not be taken as a suggestion to explain a phenomenon of a very likely technological nature in terms of occultism, but rather vice versa!).

[7]For Angel's Hair incidents see:

Maney and Hall: *The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects*, pages 58–63, 41–43.

Menzel and Boyd: *The World of Flying Saucers*, p. 219.

Michel: *The Truth about Flying Saucers* (Criterion Books), pages 145–150.

NICAP: *The UFO Evidence*, pages 99–101 (particularly the case reported by Craig Phillips of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service).

Stringfield: *Inside Saucer Post* . . . 3–0 Blue, p. 49. FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, May/June, 1964, p. 14.

[8]It could be, that such a waste product is already known to the specialists of certain industries. But as a manufacturer could possibly be forced to provide costly filters to prevent waste material from escaping into the atmosphere, it would be clear why those who know about its origin would not be particularly eager to make a great fuss about it.

[9]Michel: *The Truth about Flying Saucers*, p. 207.

[10]Even in this case a dematerialisation should be demonstrable by the specified experiment, provided that substance from the UFO's space participates in the formation of angel's hair at not too small a rate.

Myths, Legends and UFOs

By Lucius Farish

Our contributor, who lives in Arkansas, U.S.A., searches for hints of the flying saucer mystery among the pages of an old account of the folklore and mythology of American Indians. Whilst entertaining, his findings are highly speculative, yet it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that they could provide a clue to help in the eventual solution of the problem.

WHEN a person delves into the background of Ufology, he quickly discovers that many of the myths, legends and folktales of various primitive peoples contain "bits and snatches" of information which may have considerable bearing on our subject. This data must be viewed through a "UFO lens" in order that its potential value may be seen.

As examples of the type of data to which we refer, let us consider the following examples from a book entitled *The Origin of Primitive Superstitions*, a treatise on American Indian mythology written by Rushton M. Dorman, and published in the year 1881.

On page 24 of his book, Dorman gives the following story: "Aisemid was a famous aerial spirit of the Western tribes, who carried a curious little shell, and could become visible or invisible as he chose." You will note that the *aerial* spirit, Aisemid, displayed the same perplexing ability as do some of our modern UFOs, the ability to disappear at will. We might speculate as to whether the "curious little shell" he carried gave him this ability.

Scorched brush in Socorro, New Mexico, burnt rings on the ground in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and other places. Mute evidence of UFO landings. Perhaps in former times, a slightly different interpretation was placed on similar evidence. On page 29 of the same book we read: "The Peruvians had devils who frequently put in an appearance . . . One of these devils, called Huarivalca, is worshipped to this day, although he has disappeared and not been seen lately. There were spots which they said showed evidence of his presence."

Those familiar with the writing of the late M. K. Jessup will be aware of his theories concerning the problem of "little people". He mentioned the Andaman Islanders' legend of their god Puluga who lived in the sky in a stone house with a green wife. Turning to pages 46–47 of Dorman's book, we find a story which, we think, would have delighted Jessup no end: "A curious tradition among the Crows relates to the incarnation of Storm Child. Black clouds gathered in midwinter: the thunder rolled and the lightning flashed, while strange noises alarmed the Crows. An inky cloud covered the peak of their mountain, and from its midst reached two long arms that deposited an infant on the earth. Soon the mysterious child which was given disappeared in the vapour. An old squaw, who had not borne children for years, stood looking on. No sooner did she see the child disappear in the vapour than she felt herself seized with violent labour pains, and was delivered of a female child, perfectly green, like grass. The Indians all said it was the same child that had been in the cloud, and that the mysterious hands had no sooner deposited it than it was transferred to the woman. The squaw persisted that it was not the child of a man, though she was married. The Indians named it the Storm Child". Here we have an example of what Jessup termed a "controlled storm", coupled with the reference to "their mountain". As many readers will know, the tops of certain mountains were sacred to the Indian, for here his gods dwelled, as also did the Greek gods dwell on Mount Olympus. Perhaps the reader will also note a similarity between the above narrative and certain Biblical passages.

Certain "supernatural" happenings in the Bible are paralleled by beliefs of various Indian tribes. As examples of this, consider the following from Dorman's book: page 74—"Many Mississippi tribes say the first man ascended into heaven and thunders there . . ."; page 76—"Montezuma appears to have been worshipped by the New Mexican tribes. They extoll his miraculous powers. He planted maize at night which in the morning was grown and ripened. He was immaculately conceived by a drop of dew falling on the exposed breast of his mother as she lay asleep in a beautiful grove . . ."; page 76—"The Arawaks had a culture hero, named Arawanili, who appears in their traditions to have been the discoverer and founder of their system of sorcery. . . . Arawanili was translated without death. . ."; page 88—"Gard is the name of the culture hero of the Yuroks. . . . He was also ancestral god of the Hopas. . . . He was translated, according to their myths, in a thick cloud of smoke, which floated to

the land of spirits."

The familiar theme of help from friendly space beings is once again accented by the following tradition: "Another prominent figure (among the Caribs) was Oubekeyeri (man from above), who introduced agriculture and house building." This from page 77 of Dorman's book.

One of the best-known personages in Indian mythology is Hiawatha. In the account given on pages 86–87, we find references to activity which easily lends itself to Ufological interpretation: "Many of the characters in the Iroquois pantheon have assumed the human form, or, in other words, are ancestral. Hiawatha is one of the most prominent. He taught the Six Nations arts and knowledge. He taught them to raise corn and beans. His wisdom was great, and the people listened to him with admiration. . . . He erected his lodge, planted his field of corn, and selected a wife. Here he was resorted to for advice and instruction. Soon there arose a great alarm at the invasion of a ferocious band of warriors from the north. . . . A great council of all the tribes was appointed to meet on an eminence overlooking Onondaga Lake. Three days had elapsed, and there was a general anxiety lest Hiawatha should not arrive. Messengers were dispatched for him. . . . The messengers urged him to come, and he put his magic canoe in the water, and it moved without paddles. His only daughter took her seat in the stern. . . . The great council saw the well-known canoe approaching, and sent up shouts of welcome as the venerated man landed in front of the assemblage. As he and his daughter ascended the banks, a loud sound was heard in the air, and a dark spot was discovered descending rapidly. Terror seized the Indians, and they scattered in confusion to escape the impending calamity. Hiawatha's daughter was the doomed object. A white bird with a mighty swoop crushed the girl to the earth, and not a human trace of her could be discovered. Not a muscle moved in the face of Hiawatha. He passed on to the head of the council. His advice was given and adopted, and Hiawatha's mission was accomplished. He went down to the shore, and assumed his seat in his mystical vessel. Sweet music was heard in the air, and, as its cadence floated on the ears of the wondering multitude, an apotheosis was taking place. Hiawatha in his magic canoe rose in the air higher and higher, and vanished from sight. Thus was this great and good man translated, according to the traditions of his people." A "magic canoe" that moved through the water with no visible source of propulsion and moved upward into the air with a melodious sound. Have we not heard similar stories recounted in UFO literature?

On page 89, in a piece about the Nootkaus tribe, we find a similar story. "Huge images, carved in wood, stand in their houses, intended to represent the form and hold in remembrance the visit of a god in the guise of an old man who came up the sound long ago in a copper canoe and instructed them in many things. The Nawloks are fabulous beings, part human, with whom their sorcerers are supposed to commune and obtain their prophecies." Can you imagine an ordinary canoe made of *copper?* Surely this speaks of contacts with beings possessing an advanced science totally unfamiliar to the Indian tribes.

The following quotation from page 91 will be of interest to the Ufologist: "The Acagchemen races of California appear to reverence an ancestor by the name of Ouiot, who was a great warrior and ruler of the early day. He grew old, however, and useless. As was their custom, they poisoned him, and he died, and was succeeded by a greater, named Ouiamot, who came dancing among them when assembled for some purpose, and entered into league with their medicine-men and confirmed their power. He then returned to the stars whence he came."

Speaking of the South American tribes, Dorman says, on page 95: "Tezcatlipoka, the persecutor of the great priest of Tulla, became the greatest god adored in these countries. Creator of heaven and earth, recompenser of the just and the unjust, his name means shining mirror. According to tradition, he descended from heaven by a rope made of spiders' webs." Would not a primitive Indian tribe describe a brilliant silvery disc as a "shining mirror"? Would they (as well as more modern savants) not proclaim our mysterious Angel Hair as "a rope made of spiders' webs"? Such are the questions inherent in attempting to assimilate this mass of legend.

As we have already noticed, many legends of culture-heroes have an element of the mystical about them, particularly concerning the birth and/or death of the hero. Consider the following examples:

"Izona, who appears to have been called the father of men, and was probably an early historical character, was an object of their worship. He had a son Bacab, who attained divine honours. He was divinely begotten, for, according to the traditions, he was born of a virgin Chibirias, who was the daughter of Ixchel, the Yucatee medicine-goddess." (page 106).

"The Mijes, a Maya nation, surrounded the birth and death of their hero Condoy with the mystery preceding an apotheosis. . . . Condoy, in their traditions, had no mother or father, and disappeared as mysteriously as he came. They cherished his memory, and thought he had been

translated among the gods." (page 107).

"Gacheta is a famous virgin who conceived and brought forth Garanchaca, a famous chief who ruled over them (the Chibchas). She declared the sun to be the father of her boy. This is another case of immaculate conception." (page 113).

"In the mythological lore of the Manacicas of Brazil, their culture-hero, born of a virgin, after spending a life in benefiting his people, soared away to become the sun." (page 126).

On page 111, we find another curious tale of a woman who was worshipped as a goddess, and who manifested strange powers. "The principal goddess of the natives of the province of Cerquin, in Honduras, was Comizagual, a woman who came among them from other parts, according to tradition. She was skilled in the art of magic, and came into their province flying through the air. She had three sons without being married, and, according to the usual traditions in these cases, without knowing man. After ruling with equity, she was translated in the following manner: she ordered her bed brought out of the house, when there came a great flash of lightning with thunder, and Comizagual was never seen more."

When we consider our final bit of data, one cannot help remembering George Adamski's description of the Venusian he claimed to have encountered on the California desert in 1952. This is neither the time nor the place to go into those claims for the "umpteenth" time, so we will merely give our mythological reference with no further comment. In speaking about the worship of the planet Venus, which was a common practice with several tribes, Dorman says: "Chasca, however, the Peruvian Venus, was always propitious, and was a youth with long and curling locks."

Perhaps none of the data we have quoted in the above narrative will prove any definite connection between various myths and legends and our more modern enigma, the UFO. Nevertheless, we do find, in almost all mythologies and folktales, references to beings who came from, and returned to, the sky. Are they all merely stories or will the reader perhaps wonder, along with us, if so much "smoke" cannot mean at least some fire. At any rate, it is a most interesting study, and one which could provide some small clue to the solution of our aerial mystery.

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Russian Wall Painting

Sir,—May I comment on Mr. Creighton's article which appeared in the July/August issue of the REVIEW, page 11.

When judging Russian views about ancient drawings of possible space men, one should bear in mind that due to the ideological climate in the USSR, every rational explanation of myths, religious beliefs, etc., is more likely to receive promotion than any other view.

On the other hand I think one need not be too fanciful to regard the Tassili drawing as the representation of a space man (Fig. 1). As I was told by a student of archeology, experts hold the opinion that the drawings of this type very probably do depict masked demon dancers.

Now, if this should be so, those experts have yet to explain why demon dancers bear such a striking resemblance to space men. Could it not have been, that the demon dancers themselves were nothing but old memories of early contacts or perhaps even conflicts with extra-terrestrials?—Luis Schönherr, Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria.

The Mars Photographs

Sir,—Having read Donald E. Keyhoe's, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", and, more recently, seen the rather meagre issue of photographs taken by the Mar's probe, I feel I must draw your attention to a point which may have been overlooked.

The "canals" of Mars were discussed in the book, and all the evidence (which included observations by observatories like Mount Palomar) confirmed the presence of such markings.

When these few photographs were released by the U.S. authority responsible, the brief announcement was also made that "no sign has been found of any canals"!

Since then, we do not appear to have seen or heard any more about Mars (and it was certainly an historic occasion!); could it be that more was discovered than meets the eye, and that once again, the public will not be allowed to know more than what is deemed to be good for them?—B. C. Jones, 410 Church Road, Frampton Cotterell, Bristol.

Bases in Brazil

Sir,—I am surprised to find that Mr. Creighton has become so upset over my conjectures regarding the "A.V.B." case——If he has calmed down a little now, and will read my letter again, he will find that I did *not* say I believed it was an earth-craft.

I said I was *not sure* that it concerned an "outer space" craft, and gave *a few* of my reasons for considering such a possibility.

Let me assure Mr. Creighton that my brains are just the same shade of grey as his own and that I am not in the habit of having them laundered.

I, too, have been unable to locate the supposed article in *Life* magazine, of which I was informed by a European associate who has in the past proven to be most reliable in his information. What I have discovered is that the "June 26, 1950" *American* edition contains a UFO article and photo taken by Paul Trent of Oregon. This article is supposed to have appeared in the *International* edition at a later date. However, this certainly has nothing to do with experimental UFO bases in Brazil and is therefore not the article in question. My informant insists that the article was published despite the apparently mistaken date of issue.

However, until I see it myself I cannot accept it as evidence. I made mention of it in my letter before I had completed my own check, simply because I took it for granted that my informant knew what he was talking about—even though I had not seen it myself.

Surely, Mr. Creighton does not imagine that I base my suggestions re "experimental UFOs" on a mere magazine article, which may or may not exist? I have learned a bit more than that in fifteen years of UFO research. I need a lot of evidence before I am convinced of anything—in this field or any other.

Am I to assume that Mr. Creighton *does not believe* that the U.S., Russia and probably others are experimenting with, and test flying, craft that can only be classified as UFOs? Frankly, I cannot accept that Mr. Creighton would be so naive as to believe that every UFO seen on earth comes from outer space. We have had ample evidence over the last few years of "experimental" craft here and there, and considering the fact that the U.S. Government had in its possession at least three genuine "saucers" from outer space way back in 1948, we cannot believe that they have been sitting on their padded chairs doing nothing ever since. Even in 1950 Frank Scully gave us a wealth of information as to just what was going on, and fifteen long years have since passed. Similarly, we know that the Germans had developed saucer-type craft way back in the war years, and has anyone really found out just what that German "colony" down in Argentina is up to?

I repeat again, whether Mr. Creighton believes me or not, that the case to which I referred as being similar in some respects to that of A.V.B., is fully known to me and 100 per cent genuine. But—as I said before—it is "classified information" as far as I am concerned and has to remain so. I do not break confidences for the purposes of proving anything.

One point I would like to mention is that Mr. Creighton talks about "dwarfs" in the A.V.B. case. According to A.V.B. the men were approximately five feet tall, and only the girl was a little shorter—between 4ft. 9 in. and 5 ft.—I have many friends of these measurements, and I have never heard them called dwarfs before.

The occupants of space craft—in the small category—have invariably been reported as being 3 to 3½ feet in height, which is vastly different from 5 feet. Not that I believe all space visitors to be of that miniature dimension! I am fully aware that a large proportion of them walk our streets unrecognised, varying in size as we do ourselves. After all, Cedric Allingham's Martian visitor was all of 6 feet, judging by his photograph. I do not think size constitutes much proof, except in the case of the 3-foot people, whom we are not accustomed to seeing around town.

Be that as it may, I suggest to Mr. Creighton that the world's political situation is the very thing which renders it necessary for all the secrecy about UFOs to be maintained—whether "theirs" or "ours".—Henk J. Hinfelaar, Editor *Spaceview*, P.O. Box 21–007, Henderson, New Zealand.

Adamski in Rome

Sir,—George Adamski's death and the article of remembrance by Desmond Leslie brought back to my mind the last few days I spent with Mr. Adamski in Rome, May/June, 1963. As he is now dead I think I am entitled to give an account of the happenings in those days, and that your readers might be interested in it.

I had accompanied George to Rome already in 1959 and I still remember his urgent wish to see the Pope, Pius, in a private interview. This aim, however, was not achieved in 1959. I was therefore afraid that also in 1963, George was going to be disappointed. He arrived in Basle together with Mrs. May Morlet from Antwerp. And as his mind was firmly set on going to Rome, she and I agreed to share the expenses and to let him try his luck again, this time with Pope John XXIII. George told me that he was pretty sure to be received and that he was to hand a personal message to the Pope which he had received at Copenhagen a few weeks earlier. He also said that he was to be in front of St. Peter's Dome on Friday, 31st May, at 11 o'clock.

We took him there in time. When we arrived at the stairway leading up to St. Peter's, George looked around and within a few seconds he said: "I can see the man, wait for me on the same spot in an hour's time." And swiftly he walked away from us, through the crowd, towards the left side of the Dome's entrance. I had looked to my right because I expected him to be admitted through the gate where the Swiss guards are posted. Yet George walked to the left where I noticed for the first time a wooden door, some hundred metres away from where we stood. This door was slightly ajar and the figure of a man was standing beside it, apparently looking out for someone. He wore dark clothes but not a priest's robe. On his breast I noticed some kind of coloured shining stuff, either part of a silken vest, or a metal plate of some kind. The colours were red and green. There were crowds of people between us. But this is what I saw.

May and I went into the Dome and afterwards to a Café. We felt excited although we knew that George's admittance to the Vatican did not mean that he would really see the Pope. The morning papers had carried bad news about his health condition. I made a mental note, however, that his being received at a gate other than the usual entrance would mean that he was not going to be registered on the daily visitors' list. I thought this was interesting.

When an hour later we met George again, all doubts were due to vanish. His face was radiant with joy, and his brown eyes shone like two precious topazes. I shall never forget this. "I have seen the Pope," he said slowly but triumphantly with his deep voice. "He spoke to me, I gave him the message, and he gave me his blessing. So you see, after all, we have accomplished something. Our trip was not

The interview had lasted only a few minutes, he told us, but afterwards he had spent a considerable time with the man who had received him. I asked him if he was a spaceman. He said: "Yes, I think so, at least I got the impression". He seemed to be a close associate of the Pope, a kind of grey eminence, he said, and he knew a lot of things. George also stated that the Pope was not lodged in the rooms indicated to the people in the press, facing St. Peter's square, but that his bedroom windows went toward the Vatican gardens. He added confidently: "The Pope is not a dying man if you ask me. He is very weak to be sure, because he can't eat, but his skin has a fine texture like a child's, even a tiny bit rosy. I have seen people dying of s tomach cancer. Their skins looked very different. And they did not yet even try and operate on the Pope. He is not too old for that. Harry Truman underwent this operation when he was eighty."

That very evening the Roman papers told about the good day the Pope had had, and they even mentioned his improved colours. The first news on Saturday, however, was worse than ever.

When the first excitement had passed away I asked George how he felt about lunch. He heartily agreed and we went to a nice restaurant. George ordered a steak with onions, but none of the waiters knew this English word. And as neither May nor I could remember the Italian word it took us quite a time to fulfil his wish.

It was at lunch the next day when George suddenly took from his breast-pocket a kind of plastic wallet, very small and with a most singular inscription beneath a transparent insertion. It was written with a pen in letters I had never seen. They were certainly not Roman, nor Gothic, nor were they Russian, Chinese, Japanese or Arabic. Beneath this inscription was the date of the interview, written with roman block letters in English.

When George opened this wallet we sat spellbound. A most beautiful golden medal with the Pope's head on it was embedded in the modest wallet. It looked like an ecumenical coin to me or it might have been older. I took it in my hand and was astonished at the weight of it. It was certainly in pure gold, at least in 18 carat, if not in 22. (Being a goldsmith's daughter I know exactly what I am talking about.) This coin would cost between 200 and 300 Swiss francs at least. George could certainly not have bought it. He never carried any money around and he did not even know the difference between the currencies. And he had never been in the streets without us.

When I left him at the airport in Rome the following day he was still in his happy mood. The photos we made of him show it clearly. I knew that probably I would never see him again, but the fact that I had been of some help to him in order to bring about this meeting made me happy too. And for the first time it dawned on me that George Adamski was a missionary of some kind although he had never introduced me to his innermost secrets.

It is not for me to judge if he was able to fulfil this mission completely, and if he kept to the standard set by his specific task until his very end. But I do know that he was expected, and received by John XXIII three days before the Pope died on Whit-Monday, June 3rd, 1963. And I am therefore inclined to believe that there were other important meetings, in other important buildings, as he had told me.—(Miss) Lou Zinsstag, Gerbergasse 45, Basle, Switzerland.

The Moon and Spaceships

Sir,—I want to thank cordially Mr· Antony W. Orme for his kind comments re my inveterate contention that there are Intelligences on 'our' Moon.

However, his last sentence expresses an opinion which is no longer true: "Certainly looking at the Moon for spaceships has proved a most unrewarding and thankless task." (LY-F ING SAUCER REVIEW, July–August, 1965.)

Admittedly, no one from earth has yet given proof that he saw spaceships on the Moon at such close range that he could discern the portholes, the colour and other *details* by which one identifies nearby objects. That is the way, to be sure the only way, dogs and other animals distinguish one entity from another: every iota of knowledge they have in their brains has arrived there through no other avenue but their senses. Man, however, thank God, over and above his senses, has faculties which are far superior. For instance, he is endowed with reason whereby he can understand a given *abstract* relation between two propositions and deduce a third one. By way of illustration, if you send a boy on an errand and give him a dollar to buy an article you know costs 75 cents, naturally you expect him to come back with 25 cents.

Similarly, by a process of reasoning, but obviously much longer and far more complicated, I finally arrived at the inevitable conclusion that through the years a vast number of renowned selenographers, especially in Great Britain, saw, observed, drew and described a great number of objects and events on or near the lunar surface which are clear signs of intelligent activity. The cases are so numerous that a mere summary of them comprised in a few papers yours truly wrote on that topic goes beyond 30,000 words.

The above-mentioned objects fall into several categories, one of which comprises various types of space craft. How do I become convinced that a given entity on or near the surface of the Moon was really a spaceship? If a creature has feathers and webbed feet; if it flies, swims, dives into the water, waddles and quacks, am I wrong in concluding that it's a duck?

In the Fall of 1963 half a dozen astronomers observed on and/or near the lunar surface some 50 weird objects. Every one of the details they disclosed fits the typical interplanetary craft reported in ufology. As shown in the 30 typewritten pages I've composed on just these two sightings, the selenologists have clearly eliminated all the possible 'explanations'. In view of the fact that astronomical journals, annuals and the like contain literally *hundreds* of identical or very similar reports, I am now convinced more than ever that the above-mentioned 50 weird objects, plus the several others observed manoeuvring while our Rangers and Lunik-5 were nearing the surface of 'our' Moon, were spaceships.—Rev. Guy J. Cyr, S.M., Sacred Heart Rectory, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Seeing Stars

Sir,—I have for some time been an interested reader of the FLYING

SAUCER REVIEW and of other material on the subject of unidentified flying objects, notably Major Donald Keyhoe's books and articles, some of which have appeared in the REVIEW and in the American magazine *True*. I have noted with interest the claims of both the REVIEW and Major Keyhoe that the U.S. Air Force in particular and world governments in general endeavour to maintain a news blackout on the subject of UFOs and to deny the validity of whatever reports might leak out to the Press. I have recently become convinced that the charges are well-founded.

I am supporting my opinion with two articles from the *Times-Picayune* newspaper of New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. The first article (August 2), dealing with reports of various UFO sightings, is the most recent of several reports which that newspaper has published of late. The second article (August 3) is the U.S. Air Force reply to all the sightings and is what prompted my letter.

I took courses in Astronomy in college, and although I am hardly an authority on the subject, I am nevertheless knowledgeable and therefore feel I must take issue with this Air Force rebuttal. Firstly, their spokesman stated that people have been "apparently seeing stars." This retort is absurd, if not downright puerile, and indicates not only that the Air Force considers the average intelligence of the general public low-grade moron at best, but that it obviously has something to hide. Almost any other excuse, such as high-flying jet aircraft, some sort of experimental weather balloons, or even meteors (shooting stars), would have been more credible than stars. Even the layman knows that stars (and planets) are seemingly motionless to the naked eye. Second, these same stars that the Air Force stated in vain." There simply was no room for any doubt in our minds.
are visible at this time of year have *always* been visible at this time of year. One wonders, then, why so many people, in the same general locale, at approximately the same time, and on the same day, would suddenly take notice of them. It would appear that people in Oklahoma and New Mexico were seeing stars for the very first time! Moreover, these "stars" were: "confirmed by Tinker Air Force Base radar" (until the Air Force conveniently repudiated this); "seen in diamond - shaped formations"; "changing in colour from red to white to blue-green"; "round, white with an orange tail and moving to the west"; and "with a red tail passing directly over (a) town and heading north-east."

I would expect any of the witnesses to this phenomena possessing even a rudimentary knowledge of astronomy to be either extremely perturbed over the circus-like antics of Rigel, Aldebaran, Capella, and Betelgeuse, or else highly indignant at the direct insult to their intelligence by such a flimsy and nonsensical excuse as that given by the U.S. Air Force.—C. E. L. (name furnished), Metairie, Louisiana, U.S.A.

[*The items sent by this reader were incidents already covered by* Midwest UFO Flap *in the World Round-up column of our September/October issue.*—EDITOR.]

Still a Mystery?

Sir,—The *World round-up* piece 'Jerking satellite over Aberdeen?' (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, July/August) is a typical report in which the witnesses' comments must be analysed carefully and not everything they say taken as Gospel Truth.

The object that the youths saw was nothing more spectacular than the American balloon satellite Echo 2, which I also saw on the evening in question (April 30), but the way it is described makes it sound totally unsatellite-like.

Its movement was described as 'jerking', which many people would translate as meaning that it moved; then it stopped; and then moved on again, all the way across the sky. However, Echo 2 does not do this. It moves along *steadily*, but is subject to atmospheric turbulence which makes its image 'swim', like star images do.

Secondly, there is the remark that it appeared to stop before sinking in the sky to the north. This should not be taken as a fact since it is just an optical illusion typical of all satellites unless there is a star or object with which reference can be made to judge whether movement is present or not.

The last error is the statement that the object travelled from south to north. Obviously the directions had not been checked since Echo 2 travelled in the opposite direction—from north to south—on April 30th.

Incidentally, where is the reference to the elevation of the object above the horizon? I estimate that for Aberdeen, Echo 2 should have been roughly 60 degrees in the East.—Richard Jahn, 9 Hertford Road, Kettering, Northants.

[*Mr. Jahn assumes the witnesses did not know North from South, but if they did—and that is more than likely—then we are left with a mystery.*—EDITOR.]

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Lake District Visitations

THE tail-end of July, and the first few weeks of August saw a burst of activity by mystery objects in the skies of both Cumberland and of the neighbouring counties of Westmorland and (northern) Lancashire, which are the home of the craggy fells and dales of the Lake District. Confronted with awkward questions, and expected—unfairly, perhaps—to answer them, the police and other authorities offered either no explanation at all, or selections from "summer lightning", "distant fires", "private aircraft", and "mistaken observations". Although we have seen only a few of the reports, we recall no instances of Venus being offered as a solution, but one newspaper remarked ominously that during the summer UFO wave in America, people had excitedly watched stars and planets in the belief that they were flying saucers.

One astronomer asserted that ob-observations of an object over Cumberland were of a "plastic bag filled with gas". That, I confess, caused me to wonder whether, in the interests of price maintainence, the Gas Board have evolved an unusual way of disposing of unwanted surpluses! On further reflection, however, I decided that the gentleman concerned had either forgotten the word 'balloon', or the name 'Echo'.

Whatever the nature of the observed phenomena (or machines), whether they fell into officially acceptable categories like "mistaken observations", or whether they happened to be nothing more or less than unacceptable flying saucers or cigar-like objects, they certainly produced alarming effects on both human beings and animals.

We have been fortunate in obtaining on-the-spot reports from investigators, and perusal of these suggest that certain folk had better brush up their conceptions of "summer lightning" and so on.

Brampton

The little north-western wave got under way with an incident on July 24 (there may have been earlier cases, but they are not known to us at time of writing) which has a certain significance. From the *Cumberland News* of July 30, sent to us by Mr. D. W. Hutton, we learn how David Bell (16) of Brampton, and three friends, saw a bright blue blur in the north-western sky early on the 24th. Fairly high when first observed, the object descended towards the youths, hung stationary awhile before moving off to the East. After disappearing and re-appearing, a series of orange dots 'came out in front of it', and the object then vanished.

Ambleside

Next came the first widely-publicised case in the Lake District itself. This incident took place late in the evening of August 6—just before midnight. Many newspapers, including the *Sunday Citizen* (August 8), and the *Yorkshire Post* and *Daily Express* (August 9) told stories of a young couple who had witnessed (the girl with much terror) a 'groaning' cigar-shaped object with golden revolving windows, the whole glowing fiery red. There were reports too of sparks and disturbed cattle. We are indebted to reader **Jack Ibson** for his efforts to locate the couple, and to interview them on our behalf. The following is his account:

"Michael Dean, and his girl friend Molly Petherick, both of Bradford, Yorkshire, were nearing the end of their holiday in the Lake district. After reading the account in the *Yorkshire Post*, I traced the hostel where they had been staying, but as I received little help in that quarter, I eventually ran them to ground in Bradford. I taped an interview at my home.

"The hostel at Ambleside consists of a main Guest House and a cottage some distance away in the grounds. After a farewell party with other young people at the cottage, Mr. Dean and Miss Petherick left just after 11 p.m. to walk back to the Guest House. They were some way ahead of the others when suddenly they heard a low droning noise, like an aircraft flying low and pulling a very heavy load. Bullocks at a nearby farm started to kick up a din, which was unusual, as they had never made any noise before, despite the normal aircraft which passes over at regular intervals. Then Mr. Dean looked up and saw what at first he described as a cigar-shaped object, except that it had a dome on the top. In other words, he saw a circular object, but at an angle. The dome contained several square portholes, which were illuminated. The whole object revolved and the effect, said Mr. Dean, was similar to the flashing light on a police car, but on a bigger scale. It would seem then that as the windows came round there was a flash effect.

"The object moved slowly over Ambleside towards Lake Windemere, and it appeared to be descending towards the lake when they lost sight of it.

"Miss Petherick's reaction was one of fear. This was something she had not experienced before, and she became shocked and stunned, and had to be taken back to the cottage in a state of collapse.

"The other members of the party had not seen the object, but they had heard the strange noise, and the din of the bullocks. After some discussion, it was decided to inform the police, and eventually six policemen arrived. They believed Mr. Dean's account, but thought the object must have been an aeroplane. When, however, they checked with Air Control, they were told that no aircraft were in the district at the time. Later the Keswick Mountain Rescue arrived on the scene, complete with Jeep and searchlights: there were also members of the Air Force. An extensive search was made, but nothing was found.

"Some newspapers reported that sparks and smoke had been observed, but this was not true. Neither was the description of Mr. Dean as an airfield worker, for he works in a Bradford office.

"It transpired that BUFORA interviewers had already spoken to Mr. Dean, and showed him illustrations of various types of UFOs. Both he and Miss Petherick settled for the Darbishire saucer as being the nearest

type to the one they saw. I showed Mr. Dean copies of Stephen's photographs, and he was adamant that that was the type, except that the one he saw had square portholes.

"Thanks to the publicity, the young couple have had to put up with a lot of ridicule, but all who saw Miss Petherick in a state of collapse agree that it must have been something very unusual. One doesn't usually keel over at the sight of an ordinary plane. At that time they saw it as their duty to report the affair; they wish now that they had kept quiet."

There are one or two other points worthy of note. For instance, we see in the *Yorkshire Post* account that because of the unusual noise made by the cattle, the farmer had gone out to investigate. Again, in another private investigator's report which **F. Malcolm Bull** (of the Halifax Group of BUFORA) kindly sent in, we learn that the descending path taken by the object inclined at about 45° to the horizontal, and that it rotated, turning clockwise as viewed from above. Discussing the possibility that the object was an aircraft, Mr. Bull adds that in such extremely hilly country, turbulent air currents would deter even the most experienced pilot from flying so low at night.

Pokey Dubs, Penrith

It was about 2 a.m., the sky was clear and the scene bright with moonlight, when Penrith angler Thomas A. Bell (who is also a member of the Royal Observer Corps) saw what he called a 'flying cigar' while he was fishing the Eamont at Pokey Dubs.

According to the *Cumberland Evening News* of August 12 (the date of the sighting), the object travelled swiftly over nearby trees towards the South West, emitting an orange-coloured flame or sparks at the rear. Mr. Bell could hear no sound, but he did say that the nearby railway line was busy.

Carlisle, Whitehaven, Cockermouth

Mr. D. W. Hutton relates in a letter how he, and a large number of spectators at the pre-season trial soccer match, Carlisle United *v.* Bury on August 13, watched an unusual sky object. The time was between 8.40 and 9.20 p.m. "It was a brilliant white," says Mr. Hutton, "about 50 per cent brighter than Venus, at an elevation of about 35°, and stationary in the South West." The next day our correspondent was playing cricket in West Cumberland, and was surprised to find that the same object was seen by many people in Whitehaven and Cockermouth, and at the same time in the evening. To them it was almost overhead, and stationary.

"A remarkable plastic bag filled with gas," remarks Mr. Hutton, thinking no doubt of the statement about this incident made by a spokesman of St. Joseph's College Observatory, Dumfries.

Windmore Green, Appleby

Yet another mystery object was observed over Westmorland Pennines, not far from Brough, on August 15. Accounts appeared in the *Yorkshire Post*, *Guardian* and *Daily Express* of August 16, and in other newspapers. Immediately apparent is the fact that some newspapers unabashedly use the name "flying cigar", but the *Daily Express*, cautiously conservative, speaks of a strange "flashing beam in the sky just after midnight, which caused cows and sheep to moan in a weird fashion".

Once again we have a report from Jack Ibson. Said Miss Katherine Chambers, who, like her two friends who were also witnesses, hies from Leeds: "I knew about the Loughrigg, Ambleside object, but the one we saw was definitely not saucer shaped . . .

"My friends and I had gone to bed, and had been talking awhile when I heard a sheep making a most peculiar noise. My friends took little heed, but when we heard cattle also moaning, we really took notice, for this had been reported before. My bed was directly under the window, and despite my friends' protests I knelt up and looked out. The first thing I saw, directly ahead, was a pair of vivid orange lights flashing in the sky. I shouted to my friends to hurry, and, their curiosity overcoming their fear, they joined me."

The object was under observation from about midnight until 1.15 a.m., on August 15. The sky was clear, and moonlit. The report continues: "As my eyes became accustomed to the light I could see a dark shape connecting the orange lights. More frightened than ever, my friends went back to bed, but I continued to watch as the object seemed to move slowly backwards and forwards in the sky, and then **changed from a horizontal to a vertical position,** with the lights flashing intermittently. For a short while it seemed to disappear, but returned, this time in a beam of light rather like that of a searchlight from the ground. The object was in the widest part of the beam.

"The newspaper reports said the object disappeared after an hour. It did not. As nothing much seemed to be happening, and as I felt very tired, I went to bed. The object was still there, but only the lights seemed to be visible by that time. The rest seemed to have blended into the sky. All the time there was a low whirring sound."

Elsewhere in the report to Mr. Ibson, the object was described as being, at first sighting, 'clear and distinct'. There were no sparks or smoke. A rough estimate of its length was 50 feet, but its size was also compared to that of a gold ball held at arm's length. This could indicate a very large object when one considers that two Moons' widths are covered by a sixpence held at arm's length. It also occurs to us that the light beam could have come *from* the object, in which case it was being focused on to the ground beneath.

A last word on this incident. The *Yorkshire Post* tells how a farmer living a mile from the cottage confirmed that cattle and sheep had made a great deal of noise during the night, but he had not bothered to look out.

Barrow-in-Furness

Finally, we read in the *Yorkshire Post* of August 28 that three times in one week, residents of the Newbarns district of Barrow-in-Furness, Lancs., claim to have witnessed the passage of strange sky objects at virtually the same time each night.

A Mr. R. Scott, of Bridgegate Avenue, saw, late on the evening of Tuesday, August 24, objects "like two balls of white which kept **coming together and separating** as they flew along . . . from time to time they would emit red trails. These things were quite high up and were not making any noise. I watched them for a few minutes before they disappeared." The objects were moving in a northerly direction. Similar sightings were made on the preceding Saturday and Sunday evenings.

According to the report, neither Air Ministry nor astronomers can supply an explanation.

C.B.

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"This is as much as I can tell you at the moment."

Dr. Finch comments:

Several interesting points emerge from this episode. We have an example of 'selective attraction'. Why, we ask, was it only Michael Johnson and not the others who appeared to be attracted to the object?

Again, the other two sitting in the car appear to have been protected (or insulated) from the emanating force field: again, the effect of the force field appears remarkable in the fact that according to its intensity (or distance from source), so the effect varies from simple peripheral nerve paralysis to major interruption of cerebration, resulting in loss of consciousness, shock and loss of memory.

This case should be compared with the Colchester one (Paul Green), also the Valensole case (which you tell me will be dealt with in detail in this issue of the REVIEW), and the Brazilian ones.

Footnote

It should be reported that, according to the newspaper account, the doctors at Felixstowe Hospital spoke jocularly of 'Martians', and probably considered the explanation given by Mr. Maskey and Miss Fordyce to be something of a tall story. One explanation advanced was that the three of them had mistaken the flame from the nearby Propane Gas Plant flare-stack for a sky object. This they denied vehemently.

LATE NEWS

THERE ISN'T A CLUE TO THE BLACKOUT

FROM London's *Evening Standard* (West End Final Edition, November 11, 1965:—"New York, Thursday—The nation's best brains, the top experts in every electrical field, and the nation's highest military men still haven't found a single real clue to the mystery of what caused the worst power breakdown any country has experienced.

"Everyone in the United States is asking why? why? why? but the answer is not forthcoming. And to make it worse, the experts admit: 'It could happen again, perhaps at any moment'."

BUT . . . IS THIS A CLUE?

FROM *Corriere Della Sera* (Italy) of November 15 (or 16), 1965. "A pilot from Syracuse (State of New York) has declared that he saw an enormous 'ball of fire' rise from the electric power line linking Clay to Niagara Falls immediately after the sudden stoppage of electric current which last week plunged vast areas of the United States and of Canada into darkness.

"The pilot, Weldon Ross, a flying instructor, has described how, on Tuesday evening, he was in the vicinity of Syracuse airport aboard a small aircraft with one of his pupils, when suddenly the lights failed. 'We were flying over the electric power-line linking Clay with Niagara Falls', said Ross, 'when we saw the ball of fire. It seemed as though a barn was on fire, a barn full of hay. The ball of fire lasted for ten seconds'.

Another person has also said that he saw a 'ball of fire' immediately after the lights went on." [*Translation:* G.C.]

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One of the American journals which we receive regularly is SAUCER NEWS. This lively, interesting publication, edited by James W. Moseley, and obtainable from P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey, 07024, claims an all-time high in circulation —aided by the recent takeover of Timothy Green Beckley's *Interplanetary News Service*.

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Delta volants

by W. H. Watson

ON August 1, 1963, Mr. Jan Willemstyn, a former KLM pilot and keen amateur astronomer, photographed an odd-looking UFO over Bushey, Herts. The object was also observed from Elstree airfield, London, and many other parts of the London area. Mr. Willemstyn had ten witnesses to the sighting.

The photograph is probably one of the most significant pieces of evidence in favour of that minority flying saucer, the "Deltavolant" or flying triangle, so far produced. Yet its import seems to be lost on the world of ufology.

The article *The Significance of the Unidentified Deltas* in the May/June 1959 FLYING SAUCER REVIEW went a fair way in promulgating evidence for the deltavolant, but in the few years that have passed since then so much more has accumulated that I feel the time has come for a postscript.

Since writing that article some three dozen further sightings have been added to the two dozen recorded between 1871 and 1958. And most of the three dozen have come from the pages of this magazine.

Certain of these observations are exceedingly odd. Take, for instance, the story of a Moffat, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, couple and their married daughter, concerning a UFO which flew low over their home some time between 11 and 12 p.m. on August 16, 1960: " 'The three of us,' said the mother, 'were amazed to see a big reddish-brown thing coming towards us. . . . This queer-looking thing went right over our heads but we couldn't make out what it was and it didn't give us much time to see. The front of it was about 30 to 40 feet across and it looked to be all in one piece and tapered until it was pointed at the back.' "

She drew a sketch of a triangular object flying edge forward. There appeared to be some kind of structure on top, forming a definite ridge in the middle with two smaller ridges, or protuberances, either side. The whole top front section seemed to slightly overhang the under portion, which latter came gradually to an obtuse angle in the centre front. The upper part was reddish-brown, the underside being a darker brownish-grey.

The daughter claimed "There seemed to be a slight hissing sound", although her parents heard nothing.

This sighting, which is one of the most descriptive on file, recalls to mind many sketchier reports of "conical" or "kite-shaped" UFOs flying "blunt end" forward.

There is also the story of John Peers of Little Hulton, Walkden, Manchester, whose 19-year-old son along with other youngsters saw, "at 6.55 p.m. on September 16, 1964, a noiseless, pearly-white triangular object which travelled over Little Hulton in a northerly direction. The object moved in such a way that the 'base' of the triangle was the *leading edge*, with the apex trailing." (*vide* FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, November/December, 1964.)

In the vast majority of reported deltavolants, however, we read that the object moved in the "conventional" manner, i.e., "sharp end" forward. They are variously described as "arrowhead" shaped, like a "sharply-pointed star", "V" shaped, or simply "like a delta-winged aircraft".

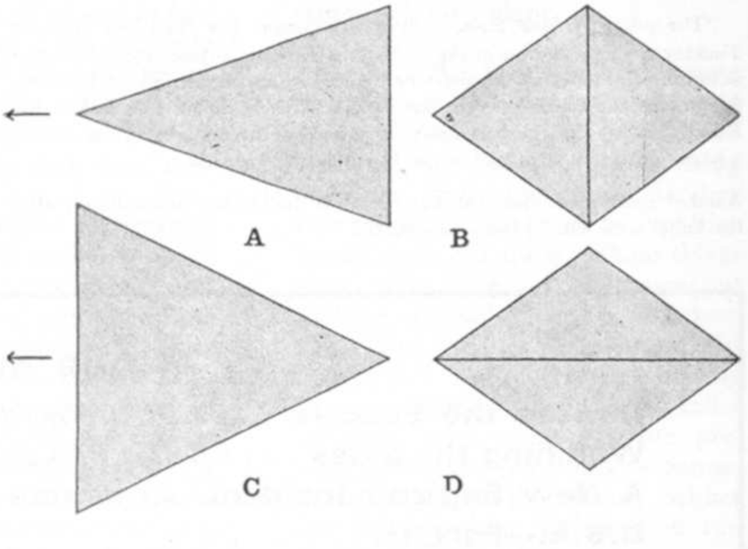
Frequently arising are tales in which the object is originally a disc which changes to triangular form, or appears discoid to one witness and triangular to another, or appears discoid to the naked eye and triangular through an optical instrument.

Occasionally, too, one comes across a report of a "flying square".

So now we arrive at the question: where is all this taking us?

Quite simply it gives us the true form of a particular type of UFO. A type which is obviously more prevalent than has hitherto been believed. A type, moreover, which gives rise to the supposition that there may be more than one alien race surveying our Earth.

This type is a four-sided craft of triangular aspect. From the top or underside it appears to fly



A—Side, B—Rear, C—Plan, D—Front

with the base of the triangle as the leading edge, apex trailing. From the side it appears to fly with the apex leading, base trailing. From the rear it can appear rectangular. The sketches of its plan and elevations show this better than it can be explained.

Seen at an angle it would seem "tumbler-shaped"—and how many of those are on record?

For evidence of the variety of shapes adopted by the deltavolant spacecraft, one merely has to select two from about twenty similar reports—the original one of August 29, 1871, when Astronomer Trouvelot reported from France formations of highly complex objects; some triangular, some round, others many-sided: and a more recent one from Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, when three witnesses gave three separate descriptions of the one object observed at 6.30 a.m. on October 13, 1962, (i) "round, with two humps", (ii) "cone-shaped", (iii) "square".

It is interesting to perceive the similarity between this type of alien spacecraft and the re-entry vehicle designed by Dr. William F. Hilton for the Armstrong Whitworth Company and publicised in 1960. Its title is very impressive: *Pyramidical Delta Winged Glider*, and it is designed to enter planetary atmosphere with its nose raised at an angle of 45 degrees to minimise stresses on the pilot. But it would fly backwards, "sharp end" first, if it were ever built.

While moving at high speed the detavolant leaves a "vapour" trail, normally described in night-time sightings of conical UFOs flying "blunt end" forward. This trail is usually orange-red in colour.

Here, once again, we have the possibility of UFOs utilising a simple primitive rocket power-unit for propulsion at atmospheric altitudes, where deep-space drive is unprofitable, and anti-gravity devices cannot be employed, it is suggested ,except at very slow or zero velocities.

Referring back to two sources, *Flying Saucers Have Landed* by Desmond Leslie and "Ufology and the Ion Rocket" (FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, September/October, 1958), I suggest that it is possible that alien spacecraft of this type employ an advanced form of mercury-fuelled ion drive.

It is perhaps significant that no contactee has yet reported such craft disgorging humanoid spationauts to indulge in philosophical and/or metaphysical discourses.

Triangular UFO Over Valladolid

By Father Antonio Felices

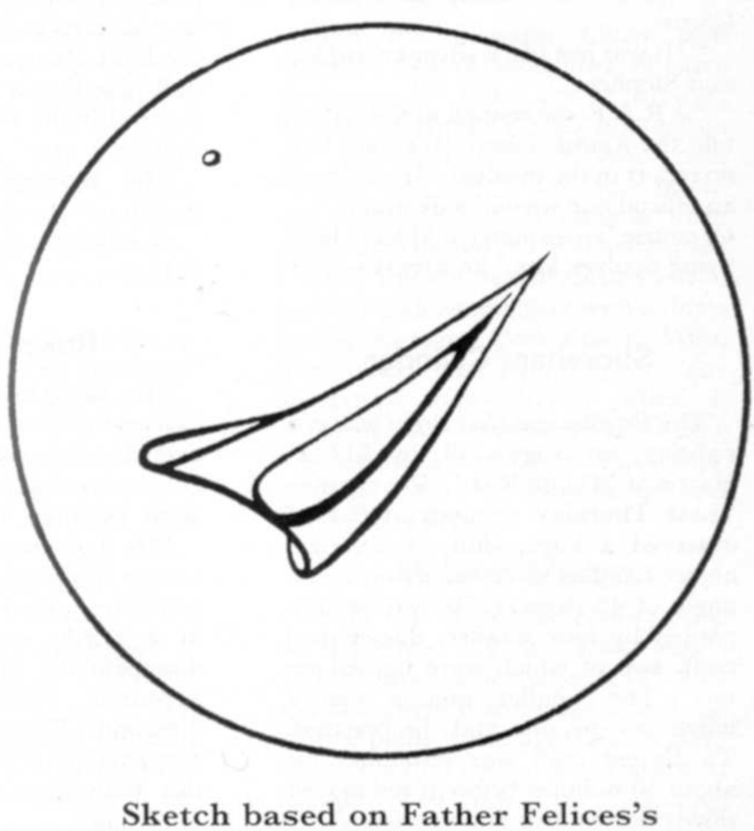
Our contributor is a teacher at the Dominicos College at Valladolid, in Spain.

YESTERDAY, September 16, was for me a most exciting day. At 5.45 p.m , G.M.T., a UFO which came from the north paused directly over our school. A father and a brother were out in the garden taking a stroll, when they noticed the object. They looked at it bewildered. Ten minutes elapsed before they decided to call me. At that time I was in the church supervising the repairs being carried out. I rushed to the garden and looked up, to see it right above the school, the size of a grapefruit, and shining very brightly. I have no idea as to its height, but that was all we could see with the naked eye.

The next thing I did was to call out eight other fathers to witness the fact. Then I went into the physics laboratory with another father to get out the 4-inch telescope which we have. By 6.20 p.m. we had the telescope mounted in the garden. When I focussed it—well, I just don't know how to describe the sight—but there it was, a beautiful silver craft rocking ever so slightly from side to side. It was like a triangle with an oval body in the centre: I made a water colour drawing of it as I saw it.

We all took turns to watch it. At 6 p.m. the first stars had begun to appear. The UFO was exactly between the star *beta* of the constellation CEPHEUS, and the star *epsilon* of the constellation DRACO. At 7.05 p.m., the UFO began to rise until it finally disappeared from sight.

Many of the fathers who had once laughed at me for believing that there are these things in the skies, themselves now firmly believe in them. What a pity it did not come down for a contact!



Sketch based on Father Felices's watercolour drawing

Meanwhile, things had been happening elsewhere for we were not the only people to see the UFO. For instance, they were busy at our local Air Base at Villanubla. Soon after it was sighted, the airfield instruments registered the height of the UFO as being 23.2 kilometres [nearly 76,000 ft.—Editor] and they stated that its size was approximately one square kilometre. Just imagine a UFO being that big.

Jet aircraft were sent up to investigate, but none of them were able to get near enough to identify the object. Pilot Heliodoro Carrion said on his return that he had many flying hours to his credit, but had never seen such an enormous object hanging in the sky like that for a full four hours. He added that he now has no doubts about the existence of flying saucers.

The press has tried to play down the UFO appearance because in some parts of the city people began to panic. There has been a great deal of trash published lately in our local press about a future Mars invasion of the earth in the coming months. The stories have been taken from crack-pot astrologers who desire only to attract attention.

It is possible that the same UFO was the one later seen in Baza and then in Badajoz.

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

ENGLAND

Deltavolant?

From the Sidcup newspaper *Eltham and Kentish Times* of September 17 we learn that on Thursday, September 9—"Stephen Oddy, of St. Mildreds Road, Lee, and his friend, Graham Blow, sighted an object in the sky. They were on a visit to the R.A.F. station at Kidbrooke as both boys are members of the Air Training Corps.

" 'It was just like a silver **triangle,**' said Stephen.

"A R.A.F. spokesman at the station told the *Kentish Times:* 'We have had no report of the incident. If we do get an official one we will look into it. . . . Of course, an airman could have been flying a silver kite,' he suggested."

Shoreham Cylinder

The *Brighton and Hove Argus* tells of a sighting, on August 19, by Mr. P. Harris of Middle Road, Shoreham—"Last Thursday evening at 9.45, I observed a huge, shiny, cylindrical object hanging over the moon at an angle of 45 degrees. It was accompanied by four smaller, disc-shaped craft, two of which were lighted on top. The smaller objects moved north one by one and disappeared. The larger craft was stationary for about 10 minutes before it too moved slowly northwards and vanished."

(Credit: Mrs. M. Ross)

Walmley Cylinder

From the *Sutton Coldfield News* of July 30—"An unidentified 'cylindrical object' was seen hovering for almost 15 minutes over Walmley at about 10.45 p.m. on Monday evening by local butcher Mr. Barry Cox, his wife, and two friends. . . .

"Mr. Cox described how the object came into view, at an altitude he estimates, of about 5,000 ft. It hovered above the houses showing a brilliant white light for some five minutes. Then it moved slowly away in the direction of Minworth, and the light changed to red—then went dull 'like live coals.' Keeping at the same altitude, it moved away out of sight."

The Birmingham airport radar system was not in use at the time.

(Credit: N. A. Ford, Sutton Coldfield.)

Roker Foursome

The *Sunderland Echo* of August 18 carries the story of sightings by Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson at about 9.45 p.m. on the evening of August 17, as they were walking along the seafront—

Mrs. Jamieson said that she saw an orange disc like a large star, moving inland from the sea. 'It was travelling in a north westerly direction. It disappeared, then a second disc appeared, moving in the same direction. Then a third disc appeared going the other way.' She added, and this may have been the first disc returning.

"Mr. Jamieson went on: 'The fourth disc we saw was revolving at a tremendous pace. It could not possibly have been a star, and its movement suggested that it was some sort of machine.' "

(Credit: Harry Lord, Heaton)

Discs over Stonehenge

Mr. and Mrs. P. Willsher of Southend-on-Sea were driving near Stonehenge when, according to the *Evening Post* of August 26, Mrs. Willsher saw—"Four silvery objects coming over a hill. At first she thought the sun's rays were catching the wings of an aeroplane but there was no sound in the air above. She drew her husband's attention to the strange sight.

"Mr. Willsher stopped the car, got out and looked up. 'At first I could see only two of these queer things,' he said later. 'Then a third emerged and a fourth joined the trio shortly after. They were moving circular discs.' "

Date of sighting: August 25.

(Credit: J. Hatter, Melksham.)

Cigars over Littleover?

Our first reaction to this report was that it was about a high-flying jet with just a wisp of vapour trail, but according to the *Derby Evening Telegraph* of August 18, Castle Donington Airport said there were no aircraft in the district. Mr. E. C. Reynolds of Littleover, and four passengers in his car, all watched—

"A long cigar shaped thing like a thin cloud', travelling from West to East. A small black object at the front occasionally gave out a brilliant light.

"No sooner had it gone out of sight than another appeared on the western horizon and followed a similar course."

Date of sighting: August 17.

Postman Witness

Jimmy Goddard of Saucer Forum, Shepperton, reports that at 4.25 a.m. on the morning of August 28, a postman van-driver in Walton Lane, Shepperton, saw an unusual sky object emitting a dazzling blue light. The witness, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the light was so intense that he could not judge the size of the object, but suggested that it could be compared to a dustbin lid. [*At arm's length?*—EDITOR.] The object was only in sight for one minute, and no sound could be heard—it should be remembered that the van's engine was running.

A New Noise

Also from Jimmy Goddard comes the story of Mrs. Woods of Walton Bridge Road, Shepperton, who was troubled by a "horrible noise" at 3.40 a.m. (note similar time to Postman's sighting) on Friday, September 17. The noise, which seemed to come from above, was like "an express train going through a station". Mrs. Woods could see nothing outside, but the noise persisted until 4 a.m. before slowly fading away. There were no other witnesses' reports.

Low-flying space capsule?

A mystery object swooping over Epping Forest, and speeding towards Waltham Abbey, was seen by former RNZAF navigator Martin Westgarth, and his son Hunter, of Upshire. According to the *West Essex Gazette* of September 3: "It travelled towards them over Upshire, shining and silent, from a northerly direction. Then, when almost overhead, it veered off westwards, increasing speed.

"Said Mr. Westgarth: 'I would guess it was a between 5,000 and 8,000 feet.'

"The sighting wa at 10.08 a.m. As the object changed direction it changed from a grey to a silver metallic colour as the sun shone on it. On top could be seen a small turret. 'It wasn't like the traditional flying saucer shape, more like a space capsule,' Mr. Westgarth added.

"As it flashed across the sky a jet of what appeared to be intense heat could be seen coming from the underside."

(Credit: Ronald Caswell, Harlow)

East Hagbourne Phenomenon

The *Reading Mercury* of September 4 tells how farmer David Holliday and his wife saw a mystery object at 10 p.m. on September 2. The item concludes—"It was an orange light and appeared to be rotating. It was about the size of a new moon and was spinning for about a minute. It disappeared quickly up into the sky, returned, and was stationary for about a minute, then it vanished altogether."

A.E.R.E. Harwell visited

The E. Hagbourne sighting was also reported in the London *Evening News* on September 10, for it seems that the object reported by the Hollidays reappeared several days running over Harwell's nuclear reactors. Mrs. Holliday's account in the *Evening News* was more detailed—"'It was fairly large and circular with an orange glow. There were dark marks on it like windows and it had a dome on top."

We also learn that: "Mr. Leonard Bowers, 42-year-old security officer at Didcot power station, reported seeing an orange light in the sky which dipped over Harwell and shot away very fast."

The *North Berks Herald* carries an account with many other witnesses' stories, including one by Mr. Alan Back of Wantage, who was driving home from Oxford, and who described the object as being like a "half-moon which had fallen on its back over Harwell".

(Credit: W. P. Wisden, Ealing)

Nightmare car ride near Warminster

The *News of the World* of Sunday, September 12, tells how Major Bill Hill, veteran of beach landings in the Middle East and Europe in the last war, and Territorial Army C.O., was badly shaken by an encounter with Warminster's eerie Noise on September 11: "Major Hill said that he was driving at 45 m.p.h., but as he rounded a bend at Calloway Clump, near Warminster, his car was **mysteriously brought to a halt. 'It started jumping and jolting up and down violently, with its wheels leaving the ground,'** he continued.

"Major Hill, of Silver Street Lane, Trowbridge, thought that overheating might have caused the trouble but when he got out the radiator was at normal temperature.

"He said that he was rocked by air vibrations which surrounded and beat down on him, and could hear a terrific whining and crackling.

"'It was like the sounds—magnified thousands of times at least—of high powered refrigerating or deep freeze units. But this was way, way above that.

"'After three minutes it had disappeared. I pressed the starter button and my car purred away perfectly.

'I had it thoroughly checked next day, the 100 per cent inspection revealing nothing whatsoever wrong with it. There were no reports of plane mishaps.'"

(Credit: Mrs. E. Spencer, F.S.R.)

Lorries queue to watch

Both the *Gloucester Citizen* and *Gloucester Echo* of September 14 carry the story of lorry driver Stewart Mardle of Hatfield, who stopped on the London–Gloucester road near Witney, just after 5 a.m. that morning. The reason—the same as three other lorry drivers, to watch a big red light in the sky, which turned out to be from a glowing object with a dome on top speeding from East to West. The object was oval-shaped. The spectators were shaken when it suddenly stopped and hovered before moving away even faster than before. (Credit: Miss A. Wodehouse and David W. Hicks.)

Malvern Mystery

From the Worcester *Evening News* of September 13 we read how—"Three unidentified objects, two with red and green flashing lights and one with a plain white light 'like a star,' were reported seen over Malvern at around 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, September 11.

"Mr. Geoffrey Tandy, of Moat

Way, who observed them for an hour, said all were travelling in the direction of Worcester from Ledbury. He called out two neighbours to witness them."
(Credit: Mrs. A. R. Cooper, Worcester.)

Street sighting

The *Western Daily Press*, Bristol, of September 16, carries the story of Mr. S. Emery of Street, Somerset, who on September 6 saw four glowing objects motionless in the sky above his home for about quarter of an hour near midnight. When obscured by cloud, the whole of the cloud was 'lit up'. RNAS Yeovilton said none of their aircraft was responsible.

Flying Headlamps

From the *Farnham Herald* of September 17 we learn of Miss Jeanette Martindale of Tongham, who, on September 9, at about 8.40 p.m. was taking her dog for a walk towards Ash Green. Suddenly the dog stopped, and could not be persuaded to move. When his mistress turned to go back home, she suddenly saw bright "headlamps" in the sky to her right. She watched them for 45 seconds or so before they turned, and then saw two revolving red lights. The sky behind was all lit up as the object moved off towards the Moon. It finally became lost in the Moon's glow.

This is the Aldershot district, so Miss Martindale knows what she is talking about when she says the object was not a flare. The object did not fall to the ground and burn out: it hung motionless before turning away.

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UFO research in the U.S.A.

Part I — The purpose of the Survey

By Jacques Vallée

RESEARCHERS on unusual aerial phenomena rely on accurate and up-to-date accounts of observations. In a country as large and diversified in population density as the United States, such information can only be obtained through local correspondents. Large newspapers in one part of the country seldom report on observations made elsewhere: only the most sensational cases find their way to the wire services, ensuring distribution over many states. For a number of reasons these newspaper accounts are of poor value. Dates and places are often misprinted, if given at all, and no estimate of the reliability of the story can be made.

Accounts published by civilian UFO groups using the documentation of the local press are much more detailed. A few of these groups even print information that may be considered accurate. Some of their periodicals, following the excellent initiative of the *Australian Flying Saucer Review*, devote several pages to the reprint, without comment or editing, of articles published *in the local Press* and gathered by their members: such periodicals are by far the most lively and significant part of the UFO literature. But a large majority of the civilian clubs and associations devote their activity to discussion of hypotheses and theories, and do not document their data extensively. It is important, therefore, to examine the reliability of the various elements of this network.

A second motivation for this survey was provided by the sociological aspect of UFO rumours which has been noted by many authors, and the possible correlations between the activity of local groups, the number of reports from the area they influence, and the theory or beliefs of their members. For all these reasons we felt that a preliminary survey of the groups active in UFO research in the United States was long overdue.

How the Survey was conducted

In our efforts to obtain the names and addresses of American UFO groups and periodicals we were surprised to discover that no fewer than **two hundred and seventeen** such organisations had been formed in the United States since 1947. This estimate is a conservative one, for it does not include informal discussion groups, clubs formed by high school or college students, and other associations which have never made their existence public.

This gives only a poor indication of the number of groups actually in existence today. As we shall see, a large majority of our questionnaires missed their targets, either because groups had died or because addresses had become obsolete. Of the groups active at the time of the survey and reached by the questionnaire, about thirty gave sufficiently detailed answers for inclusion in this analysis.

Names and addresses were compiled from the following sources:

1. Private correspondence and knowledge of researchers in our own team.
2. File of personalities active in the field of UFO research, and list of UFO periodicals of the United States Air Force, Dayton Ohio.
3. List of "saucer clubs" published by 'Thy Kingdom Will Come'.
4. List of American UFO publications of the G.E.P.A. (Groupe d'Etude des Phénomènes Aériencs) Paris, France.
5. International Flying Saucer Directory of James Rigberg, New York.

A Questionnaire, accompanied by a letter stating its purpose, and the fact that answers would be used for partial publication, was sent to ninety-six groups in January. Groups 97 to 217 received the material in March. The survey was closed in August 1965, when a very large amount of material had been accumulated.

Information gathered since August 1965, as well as the names and addresses of groups created or re-activated in 1965 after our questionnaire was issued, are not indicated here. In a very few cases groups have filled our questionnaire but have asked that no publicity be given to their activity because of personal situations, or because these groups pursue special studies that would be affected by the publicity that will result from publication of this survey. Such organisations usually have a very small membership and thus do not affect the overall sociological picture.

The following is a list of the groups which have agreed to make public their answers to our questionnaire. This list gives, for each group, a brief statement of its history as well as the name of the publication it issues and its address. No special numbering system has been used: groups are listed randomly.

List of Civilian UFO Organisations in the U.S. (August, 1965)

1. **Interplanetary Intelligence of Unidentified Flying Objects (IIUFO)**
3005 West Eubanks, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
William F. Riefer, Director. Hayden C. Hewes, Associate Director.
Created in August 1958 for the purpose of investigating the UFO mystery. Claims free, world-wide membership of 4,500. Believes UFOs are real, but has no conclusion as to their nature and origin. State office in almost all 50 States under nine district representatives. Fifteen Foreign representatives.
Publication: INTERPLANETARY INTELLIGENCE REPORT, bimonthly, $3.00 yr.

2. **American UFO Committee (AMUFO)**
2875 Sequoyah Drive N.W., Atlanta, Georgia
Ricky Hilberg, Dale Retting, Allen Greenfield, Executive Directors.
Formed October 1963 through merger of two older organisations. Affiliated with the UFO group union, the United Ufological Association. Participant to the Congress of Scientific Ufologists. No conclusion regarding nature and origin of UFOs. 500 members.
Pubication: UFO SIGHTER and AMERICAN UFO COMMITTEE REVIEW.

3. **National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)**
1536 Connecticut Avenue N.W., Washington 6, D.C.
Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, Director. Richard H. Hall, Acting Director.
History and objectives are stated in the report "UFO Evidence" published by the group in May, 1964. This document summarizes the files and activities of the organisation. Formed in 1956 by Major Keyhoe, prominent UFO writer; claims membership of 5,500. Works under the "definite hypothesis that UFOs are real, apparently controlled, from an extraterrestrial source". Charges the U.S. Air Force for practicing an "intolerable degree of secrecy". Local investigations are carried out by sub-committees. Membership dues $5.00 annually.
Publication: the UFO INVESTIGATOR, scheduled bi-monthly.

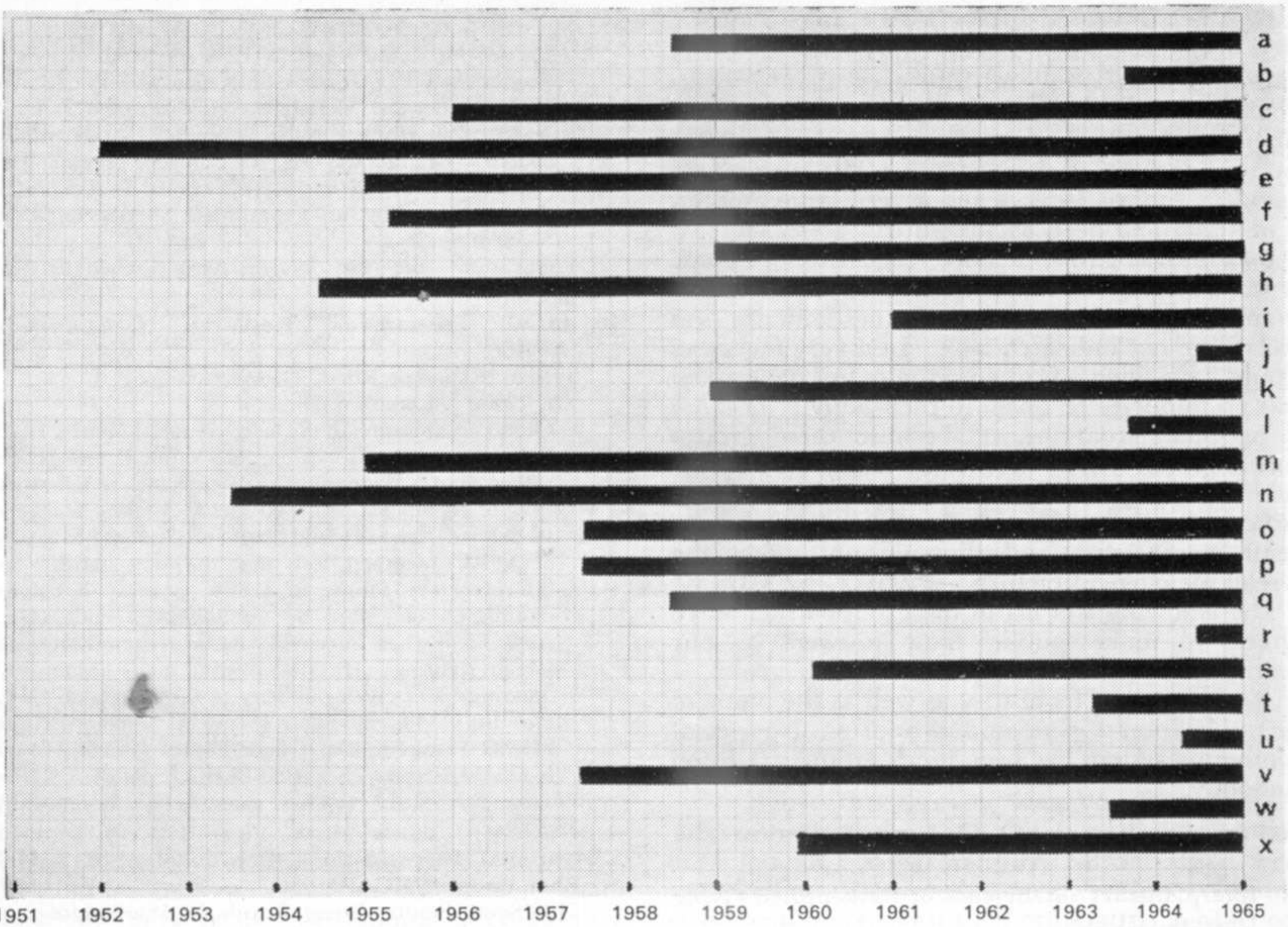
4. **Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (APRO)**
3910 E. Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona.
Mr. Leslie J. Lorenzen, Director.
Oldest organisation in the field, created January, 1952. Tries to gather responsible and rational researchers rather than a large number of enthusiastic followers. Present membership of 800 includes many teachers, technicians, scientists and liberal professions. Majority of APRO members feels that the facts indicate an interplanetary source of UFOs, possibly a colony established on Mars by an advanced civilisation. APRO is the best informed American organisation on foreign sightings. Has documented many accounts of 'landings' and given publicity to the theory of 'UFO Hostility'. Foreign correspondents include Aimé Michel (France), Dr. Olavo Fontes (Brazil), Peter Norris (Australia), Eduardo Buelta (Spain).
Publication: THE A.P.R.O. BULLETIN, bi-monthly, $3.50 yr.

5. **National Investigations Commission of Aerial Phenomena (NICAP)**
5108 South Findlay Street, Seattle 18, Washington
Robert J. Gribble, Director.
Initials and situation in Washington (City in one case, State in another) create a confusion between this group and the organisation of Major Keyhoe (No. 3) The two groups are distinct. This is a commission of six members with no open membership, created January, 1955. Concludes that "a high percentage of UFOs are coming from another world."
Publication: NICAP REPORTER, $1.50 yr.

6. **Flying Saucer News Club of America (FSNCA)**
119 East 96th Street, New York 28, N.Y.
James Rigberg, Editor
The Club, formed March, 1955, believes authorities have obtained evidence of the nature or origin of the UFOs and keep it secret.
Publication: FLYING SAUCER NEWS, 25 c. a copy.

7. **Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America (AFSCA)**
2004 N. Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California 90027
Gabriel Green, Founder-President.
Formed January, 1959, the group has 2,500 members. Believe many UFOs are in reality extraterrestrial spaceships piloted by crews of men and women from advanced races on other planets.
Publication: UFO INTERNATIONAL, bi-monthly, $3.00 yr.

8. **Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (SAUCERS)**
P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024.
James W. Moseley, Editor.
4,000 members in group created July, 1954, believe



Dates of creation for 24 groups active on January 1, 1965.

KEY:

a. IIUFO
b. AMUFO
c. NICAP (Keyhoe)
d. APRO
e. NICAP (Gribble)
f. FSNCA
g. AFSCA
h. SAUCERS
i. Aetherius Soc.
j. CAPIC
k. APIC
l. CFSIB
m. Planetary Space Center
n. Christian Zion Advocate
o. Long Beach IR Gp.
p. Solar Cross
q. Tucson Science Club
r. HUFOB
s. School of Thought
t. UFO Mag.
u. PICAP
v. Morse Fellowship
w. CPB
x. New England UFO Study Gp.

UFOs are probably extraterrestrial "through there is no proof as yet of their origin."

Publication: SAUCER NEWS, $2.00 for 6 issues.

9. The Aetherius Society

674 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, California 90005.

Founder-President: George King.

Created in November, 1960, the Society keeps its membership confidential. "The orientation of the Aetherius Society is a spiritual one, since it is definitely known that the Mission of the Flying Saucers and their crews to Earth is a spiritual mission".

Publication: the AETHERIUS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER.

10. Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigations Club (CAPIC)

3132 West 142nd Street, Cleveland Ohio 44111.

Created in June, 1964, the group has nineteen members, believes UFOs are interplanetary spaceships and authorities may have obtained evidence.

No publication.

11. Aerial Phenomena Investigations Committee (APIC)

P.O. Box 87, Rugby Station, Brooklyn, New York, 11203.

Eugene R. Steinberg, Director. Kenneth J. Alpert, Associate Director.

Created as a local group in February, 1959, is now international in scope with 2,000 members. The group feels that an extraterrestrial origin of UFOs is more likely to be correct than any other solution offered thus far.

Publication: The UFO Reporter, quarterly. Stopped publication in 1965, when purchased by Saucer News (8, above).

12. Civilian Flying Saucer Investigations Bureau (CFSIB)

6101 Sturgeon Creek Parkway, Midland, Michigan.

The general attitude of the group, formed October, 1963, is that UFOs are interplanetary space vehicles under intelligent control, probably from a planet outside the solar system.

Publication: CFSIB NEWSLETTER.

13. The Planetary Space Center (formerly Interplanetary Foundation)
24720 Carlysle Street, Dearborn, Michigan 48124.
Laura Mundo (Marxer), Connie Grish, Carmella Falzone.
Created December, 1954. No membership or dues. Reaches about 1,000, hard core list of 300. The UFOs are spaceships of more advanced, friendly human beings.
Publication: INTERPLANETARY NEWS.

14. The Christian Zion Advocate
P.O. Box 48, Neah Bay, Washington
Active under various names since 1953, the group has arrived at the definite conclusion that UFOs are "The Lord's Angels which He has sent before Him" (Matt. 24: 31–32) and that authorities have not obtained evidence of their origin.
Publication: HUMANITARIAN.

15. Long Beach Interplanetary Research Group
1227 E. 2nd Street, Long Beach, California 90802.
A. Rowe, Secretary.
Created about 1957, has no conclusion on the UFO problem but thinks authorities have considerable evidence.
Publication: UNDERSTANDING.

16. Solar Cross Foundation
5132 Lincoln Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90042.
Robert Short, Director. James Jordan, Editor.
Created in July 1957, the group had 876 members in 1964. It believes that the facts are "beyond our concepts at this time".
Publication: INTER-GALAXY NEWS.

17. Tucson Science Club
5350 E. Ft. Lowell, Tucson, Arizona 85716.
Informal discussion group. Regular meetings since 1958. The group has few members and only one conclusion: "there is no simple, single answer".
Publication: discontinued.

18. Houston UFO Bureau (HUFOB)
3302 Askew, Houston Texas 77017.
Gary Kirpatrick, President.
Created August, 1964, with twenty members, the group "has obtained confidential evidence" and withholds other comments.
Publication: THE UFO MYSTERY, irregular.

19. School of Thought
P.O. Box 458, Independence, California 93526.
Hope Troxell, Founder and Director.
Created February, 1960. The group has 250 members and concludes that a higher race has populated the universe and uses other dimensions that we are not able "to see or to understand".
Publication: brochures and courses.

20. UFO Magazine Publications
3403 West 119th Street, Cleveland Ohio 44111.
Ricky Hilberg, Editor.
Created April, 1963. Average number of members in 1964: 323. No definite conclusion arrived at. R. Hilberg is one of the executive directors of AMUFO—*vide supra* (2).
Publication: UFO MAGAZINE (combined with SAUCER ALBUM) published twice yearly, $1.00.

21. Philadelphia Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (PICAP)
6100 Belden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19149.
Group created May, 1964, with twenty members; feels authorities have obtained information, keep it secret for fear of scaring the American public.
No publication.

22. Morse Fellowship
P.O. Box 72, Alamogordo, New Mexico, 88310.
Louise Morse.
Incorporated in 1957, has several hundred members and has sent thousands of its publications (sample lessons on "soul growth") to all states and twelve foreign countries. States that UFOs come from planets of higher frequencies of light.
Publications: THROUGH THE PORTALS, plus 250 separate lessons.

23. Controversial Phenomena Bulletin
48 Great Brook Valley Ave., Worcester, Massachusetts 01605.
Armand A. Laprade, Editor. Joseph L. Ferriere, co-editor.
Created summer 1963, has 300 members; the group does not offer definite conclusions, but feels that descriptions of UFO "operators" should be taken very seriously. The Bulletin is one of the most informative publications in the field.
Publication: the CONTROVERSIAL PHENOMENA BULLETIN, bi-monthly, $2.00 yr.

24. New England UFO Study Group
20 Buckingham Road, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062.
George D. Fawcett, private UFO Researcher.
Created by G. Fawcett in November 1959, group has taken present name in 1964. The majority of the 175 members believe that flying saucers are in reality intelligently controlled machines from outer space, conducting a scientific study of our planet for purposes as yet unknown. Accepts "operators" as authentic.
Publication: meeting reports.

25. Dr. Rudolf Steiner Research Foundation, Inc.
533 Lincoln So., Salem, Oregon.
M. Gordon Allen, Director.
This is a Research Foundation, not a UFO organisation. States that the UFO problem is that of dealing with alien intelligence who can project material devices into our material world from some other plane of existence.
No periodical publication.

Additional Information—Defunct Groups

Among organisations which returned our questionnaire, but indicated that they had ceased their activity, were:

1. Grand Rapids Flying Saucer Club
Created in 1951, this group has published a periodical called "UFORUM" and organised lectures with attendances as high as 750. The returned questionnaire indicated how the group died:
"The group was split between the scientifically-minded investigators and the so-called esoteric lunatic fringe. As far as I know the scientists still do not have an acceptable answer, while the esoterists "knew" the answer right from the beginning (The Brothers sent to watch over us)".

2. **North Jersey UFO Group**
Created in 1954, the group published 13 issues of the UFO Newsletter. (Lee R. Munsick, Editor). It was generally felt that UFOs were intelligently controlled vehicles, not from this planet, that government secrecy was due to bureaucratic automatic censorship, and that contactee claims should be rejected.

3. **Ufology Bulletin**
of Ventura, California. 24 issues of the Bulletin were published in two years. It was, to a degree, an outgrowth of the Ventura UFO Study Group. It died when it fell in the hands of the believers in 'contactee' stories.

4. **Civil Commission on Aerial Phenomena** (**CCAP**)
The group ceased to operate about 1960.

5. **Decatur UFO Group**
Founded in 1957, it has stopped to function as a group. Former members continue to discuss the subject informally. They feel authorities of several countries, including the U.S., have obtained evidence of the nature and origin of the UFO Phenomenon and have definitely made every possible attempt to keep this information secret. But they are not in complete disagreement with the policy of secrecy, and "recognise that any information and educational programme would have to be presented to the people in a slow and gradual manner to avoid all sorts of fear and panic that might otherwise occur."

The above list by no means constitutes an exhaustive description of the activity in the U.S. today: much redundancy and duplication is present, on one hand; and on the other, many organisations, including some important ones, have probably been forgotten. This is therefore a sampling of the groups active in UFO research rather than a complete picture. It should be realised also that many local clubs are composed of members of various larger national groups. Sudden interest in one particular sighting (such as Socorro, 1964) provokes the formation of associations which die almost as soon as created. However, the work of careful selection that we have done from a vast amount of original data authorises a presentation of this sample as seriously indicative of present trends in civilian UFO organisations in the States.

[*Mr. Vallée's analysis of the returned questionnaires, which makes very interesting and informative reading, will be presented in the next issue of the* FLYING SAUCER REVIEW—EDITOR.]

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by Antonio Ribera

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by Paul Norman

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by Professor Charles Maney

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Flying Kettle

The same article in the *Farnham Herald* reports how at Normandy, a few miles from Farnham, a man and his son watched a kettle-shaped object in the sky, also on September 9. (Credit: T. B. O. Tugwell, Farnham)

Unknown buzzes youths

From the *Derby Evening Telegraph* of September 22—". . . . Barry Swan and Keith Rowland of Derby were walking along the footpath between Slack Lane and Uttoxeter New Road, at about 9.30 p.m.

"Mr. Swan told the *Telegraph* today: 'We heard a faint whining noise at first, and looked up to see two round objects in the sky. One of them came down towards us, and we could see it quite clearly. It had a round base and diamond shaped top, and there were green lighted windows all the way round it.'

"He went on to describe it hovering for a few moments, spinning all the time, and continuing to make a high-pitched whining noise. 'We then saw a shadow pass one of the windows, the object tilted first on one side and then another, and went silently away.' "

(Credit: A. H. Locke, Derby)

Fancy Flight

The *Surrey Advertiser* of October 2 poses the question: BIRDS WITH PIPES? This was prompted by a characteristic 'explanation'— "A woman in Echo Pit Road, Guildford, reported to a policeman at 5.15 on Thursday afternoon that she had seen two objects flying across the sky from east to west, one of them emitting smoke.

"Police observation: They were probably high-flying birds."

(Credit: Richard Beet, Bramley.)

WALES

Burning light

The *South Wales Evening Post* of September 3 carried a letter from Mrs. V. Francis of Swansea, telling how her daughter was standing at the window of her Trewyddfa, Morriston home at 11.50 p.m. on August 25, when she saw a bright ight approaching in the sky. The kitchen was illuminated by the glare, which seemed also to burn into her skin She had great difficulty in breathing and became very frightened. Her husband was at work, and she was still quite shocked when she saw her mother next morning.

A neighbour revealed that her dog became very frightened at the same time, and for ten minutes refused utterly to go out.

(Credit: Mrs. F. Bonney, Clive Edwards, A. C. Williams.)

Ffairfach oddity

The columnist in the Cardiff *Western Mail* of August 17 wondered if readers could throw light on an object which looked like a very large star, yet had one side throbbing with ruby light. After hovering, the object disappeared behind the hills behind Ffairfach, separating Llandeilo and Trapp.

(Credit: A. R. Bourne, Abernant.)

Gorseinon cylinder

The *South Wales Evening Post* of September 28 published a letter from Mr. K. G. E. David of Gorseinon telling of a daylight sighting by his brother Michael (14) at 12.35 p.m. on September 24. On hearing an engine noise, Michael expected to see a conventional aeroplane, but instead, through a break in low clouds he saw a huge object with a long slender nose and the smallest suggestion of a tail. Two parallel cylinder-shaped black marks ran the length of the squarish under-side of the machine. There were no wings, and the general colour was silver-grey. No other person known to the Davids sighted the craft, but their mother heard, and remarked about the peculiar engine noise.

SCOTLAND

Stranraer shock

In the *Dundee Courier and Advertiser* of September 4, we read of the unnerving experience of Mr. Patrick Nash of Dundee Customs and Excise, and family. En route for a holiday in Ireland, they had arrived outside Stranraer at 2 a.m. (August 14–?) to await the first ferry boat. Mrs. Nash takes up the story—"Quite suddenly a brilliant orange-red object shaped rather like a big soup plate appeared only about 50 yards from the car. I was shocked. My husband and the children saw it just as it lifted off the ground, swooped low over the car, and landed about 20 yards away on the other side.

"The children were terrified, and my husband and I could hardly believe our eyes. We hardly had time to think before the object vanished as quickly as it had come."

NORTHERN IRELAND

"Zeppelin" over Belfast

The *Belfast Telegraph* of June 28 told how civil servant William Busby of Upper Malone heard a strange drone: he was outside his house, and it was 6.45 p.m. He saw an object that looked like one of the old-time Zeppelins travelling from the direction of Lisburn, and disappearing over Cave Hill, i.e. roughly from South to North. It was daylight, and apart from a momentary disappearence behind a cloud, the object was in view for ten seconds.

(Credit: T. Thompson.)

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Many sightings

Mr. T. J. Burke, of Glanmire, Co. Cork, writes of large numbers of night sightings, too numerous to mention. He does detail two daylight cases, one of great interest.

At 12.15 p.m. on August 21, Patrick Reardon of Glanmire, together with his wife and family saw a silvery, circular object move in a southerly direction. It was in view for about five minutes. As this device moved farther away, they could see 'round' extensions underneath.

On the same day, at about 3.30 p.m., an auto-cyclist who does not want his name revealed, was at the side of the road between Youghal and Cork, at a place known as Bury's Bridge. He was repairing a broken chain when a strange object suddenly appeared about 15 ft. from him, hovering about five feet off the road. Its shape was like a child's spinning top, inverted, diameter about 6 ft., and height the same, and the top section appeared to be rotating. Colour was grey, and appearance metallic (iron). After a few seconds only, it shot off at great speed towards the north east. Mr. Burke confirms

that the witness is a man of integrity and sobriety. He was very shocked by his experience, and did not remember any illumination of the object.

AUSTRALIA

UFO buzzes car

From the *West Australian*, Perth, of August 14, we learn how Mr. A. Kukla and Mrs. A. Lawrence of Nedlands were on a rock-hunting trip near Carnarvon when they were terrified by the attentions of a UFO It was 7.40 p.m. on July 27, about 70 miles S.E. of Carnarvon when—"From an angle of about 40 degrees a green object seemed to dive straight towards the vehicle. It changed to an orange colour and then to bright red.

Mr. Kukla switched off the lights and engine and he and Mrs. Lawrence got out. When the lights went off the object seemed to change course and hover in mid-air. It stayed in that position for almost half an hour.

"Mr. Kukla watched it through binoculars. The object did two slow circles round them and went away to the west. He said the object appeared to be shaped like a squashed football or a magnifying glass viewed from the side. It did not change in shape or colour while it hovered near the vehicle."

Three-legged object

The Sydney *Sun-Herald* of August 11 tells how a flying saucer with three legs paid visits to the McClintock farm near Parkes on two consecutive mornings. On the first morning, (August 10), howling dogs woke two boys who saw the object at 5 a.m. The next morning the dogs again gave the alarm.

The farm, at Goonumbla, is five miles from the radio telescope site, but the object was not near the site. According to the sons, Paul and Wayne McClintock, the object which they watched for about an hour, was about the size of a sixpence (at arm's length?) and was glowing yellowish-white.

CANADA

Flaming object

According to the *Winnipeg Tribune* of July 3, six reports of a fiery object were received by RCAF. The location: Western Manitoba, 11 p.m. on July 1. RCAF were tight-lipped as to the possible identity of the object.

SOUTH AFRICA

Four-legged object

From the *Johannesburg Star* of July 22, we learn that Mrs. E. M. French of Greytown saw an object in the sky while driving home on the evening of July 21. At home, she watched it with her husband and Mr. R. Turner of Hillcrest. The report continues—"It appeared reddish in colour but seemed to change to green. It moved down and up and then from side to side and at one stage two blue lights appeared to approach it and later moved away.

"Mrs. French said it had four spikes or legs below it.

"Mr. Maurice de St. Pern, a former Mayor of Greytown, also spotted the object from a window while attending a Chamber of Commerce meeting. He saw it performing similar antics."

Two mysteries

The *Rand Daily Mail* of September 20 reports that on the evening of September 19 several residents 'phoned about an object like a balloon on fire and about the size of a full moon seen to be making its way towards the southern end of the city.

A former stock car racing champion and qualified pilot P. van Niekerk, reported a blazing object streaking low over the Brakpan-Heidelberg road. He was unable to make out the shape of the object because of the "blinding light" from 6 ft. flames spurting from the underside of the thing.

(Credit: P. Human.)

Soekmekaar Saucer

From the *Noord-Transvaaler* of September 24 we learn how Miss H. Engelbrecht was awakened by a piercing light shining into her bedroom. It was from something that was speeding by in the sky, at 1 a.m. on September 16. Miss M. van der Lith and Mr. B. Fisser were drinking coffee at the same time when they were surprised by an intensely sharp light shining through the curtains, and moving East to West, very fast.

This was the night of the sighting made by the two policemen near Silverton (see page 10).

(Credit: P. Human, and thanks for translation.)

CORSICA

Violet light

The *Cyprus Mail* of August 8 tells how—"Objects emitting rays of dark violet light appeared in the sky above the Corsican village of Patrimoine, near Bastia, last Sunday."

SPAIN

Yet another shape

Taken from the *Diario de Barcelona* of September 18 (translation by J. Vuillequez)—"A bizarre object appeared in the early hours of the morning of September 17 over Baza. It stayed in that position until 1 p.m. at which time it moved slowly to the South-East and disappeared. As seen with the naked eye, it had the shape of a rectangular prism, terminating in a cone."

(Credit: Mme. Saunier.)

ARGENTINA

UFO Base?

From an entirely new source, *Al-Ahram* of Cairo, dated August 20, we learn, thanks to our correspondent's accompanying translation, that the Argentinian newspaper *La Razon* of August 19 stated that UFOs recently sighted, have established a base in a secluded valley among the mountains of Cordoba, and that members of the public witness these objects after sunset as they fly in groups at low altitudes over the valley. . . . .

(Credit: S. Alwan of Cambridge University.)

CHILE

Violet light again

The *Barbados Advocate* of August 2 tells how—"Villagers at Belluco, in Chile's southern Puerto Rico Montt zone, said that they saw a strange apparatus land in the village for five minutes yesterday morning. Then it took off and landed farther away.

"More than 15 people keeping a traditional all-night vigil beside the body of a young girl killed in a road accident reported seeing the object. They said that a violet light entered the room where the girl lay and they went outside to see where it came from. They saw a strange object giving off a dazzling violet light. They could not tell the shape of it, they said, because the light was so blinding.

"As they stood there, the object took off without a sound."

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